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Haig's credibility 'waned'—diplomats

By Bob Lebling and Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 30 — On the eve of Alexander Haig's Middle East tour, Arab diplomats here are wondering whether the Secretary of State's credibility as America's foreign policy architect, has been damaged by Haig's recent power struggle with the White House.

President Reagan's appointment of Vice President George Bush — rather than Haig — as head of the White House crisis management team is widely viewed here as a political setback for the Secretary of State, who has been trying to bring the broad range of U.S. foreign policy-making mechanisms under his control.

Some Arab diplomats believe this setback for Haig indicates concern within the White House over the Secretary of State's political ambitions, as well as perhaps unspecified disagreements over Haig's foreign policy strategy.

Sources also see in the hand of National Security Adviser Richard Allen behind the crisis management affair, Allen has been described as "Israel's man in the White House."

Israelis and their supporters in the U.S., who were initially enthusiastic about Haig's appointment as Secretary of State, are now voicing concerns about the former NATO commander on at least two scores: They are troubled by Haig's focus on Southwest Asia and the Gulf as the key foreign policy area of the 1980s, particularly the secretary's heightened attention to Saudi Arabia at the expense of Israel. The Israeli lobby here believes Haig was the driving force behind

the decision to sell Saudi Arabia enhanced F-15 aircraft accessories; and Zionists are disturbed by Haig's willingness to listen to the viewpoints of the Western European allies. Israel is now fearful that the Secretary of State may go along with some form of "European initiative" to resolve the Palestinian question.

Haig regards Saudi Arabia, rather than Israel, as the most important state in the region in terms of U.S. interests, the sources noted.

Analysts here said Haig's emphasis on the Arab states should not be viewed as a pro-Arab shift, but rather a new focusing on American strategic interests.

"The Israelis are worried that they won't be able to control Haig," one source said. "He's one of the strongest personalities they've come up against."

Haig is expected to continue his efforts to consolidate his policy direction efforts, and any substantive gains made during his Middle East tour, which begins Friday, should bolster his position in the administration.

Arab diplomats, meanwhile, are expressing three main concerns about the secretary and his upcoming trip: The possibility that the recent power struggle may have limited his ability to negotiate with Arab leaders.



CALL FOR HELP: A crew member of the hijacked Indonesian airliner lies beneath the cockpit waving a handkerchief for help after being shot by hijackers who caught him signalling to plane fuelers Sunday.

Indonesian swap prisoners for plane

BANGKOK, March 30 (Agencies) — Heavily armed hijackers, who have held 55 hostages aboard an Indonesian jetliner for more than two days, were told Monday night that 53 of the 80 political prisoners they demand be released have been gathered by Indonesian officials, a Thai government spokesman said.

At 9 p.m. (1400 GMT) as deadline set by the five hijackers expired, they called Indonesian and Thai officials on the DC-9's radio and asked about the Indonesian prisoners, spokesman Trairong Suwankiri told reporters. They were told by an Indonesian official that only 15 of the men, held in Indonesian jails, had been gathered. However, Trairong said, as the Indonesian official read the 15 names, a telex from Jakarta came in listing 38 more prisoners gathered and those names too were read to the hijackers.

The hijackers, who are also demanding \$1.5 million did not set a new deadline, Trairong said.

The hijackers have been identified as members of the "holy war command," a Muslim movement.

Meanwhile, Thai marksmen moved into position Monday around the hijacked jetliner isolated on the runway here, as Police General Montchai Pankhognchuan pledged "we intend to have the whole matter end today in whatever manner necessary."

In addition to Thai police sharpshooters, a monitored police radio report said Indonesian commandos were also present, apparently ready to storm the craft if necessary.

The special Indonesian troops reportedly flew in early Monday morning with a top negotiator. Indonesia has asked permission to use force to end the hijacking, now entering its third night.

The gunmen flipped on full-beam the headlights of the craft, apparently to enable them to react quickly to any raid. During the

food delivery, a stewardess stood at an open aircraft door while a hijacker held a gun to her head.

That Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda said Thailand would prefer further negotiations, but Indonesia wanted to ensure that the hijack ended here.

Speaking to reporters after a sunrise huddle with Indonesia's top brass negotiators, Gen. Prem said the hijackers seemed to be "very confused," and that their speech slurred badly. He said any Indonesian commando attack would have to be under Thai control. Later, the Thai government spokesman stressed Thailand did not want to use force yet.

Diplomats quoted 27-year-old Robert Wainwright, who leapt to safety from a rear emergency exit Sunday, as saying passengers were not allowed to talk to each other. He said the hijackers were hopped up on drugs to keep them awake.

The hijackers were expected by Thai officials to name a possible new destination for themselves. They were told Sunday night that Sri Lanka had refused to accept them.

A Thai government spokesman said Sunday night that Indonesia had agreed to all their demands, including the release of the 84 prisoners.

The spokesman declined to disclose two other conditions made by the hijackers, but two Bangkok English-language newspapers quoted as saying they wanted a denunciation of Indonesian vice-President Adam Malik and expulsion of all Jews — or Israelis — from Indonesia.

In Jakarta, Vice President Adam Malik said Monday that the government "is fully responsible to solve the hijacking tragedy by all means as soon as possible."

He told newsmen, after conferring with President Suharto, that they should be cautious and put their national responsibility above everything else when reporting about the hijacking.

Tehran sets out position

Organization chief Yasser Arafat.

The mission, which shuttled between the warring countries last month, began a meeting with the policy-making Supreme Defense Council at 4.30 p.m. (1300 GMT), a council spokesman said.

Iran's position was set out Sunday night by Bani-Sadr after talks with Ayatollah Khomeini and a session of the council, which is responsible for the conduct of the six-month-old war.

Before the mission arrived, Khomeini also had talks with his military adviser, Hojatoleslam Ali Khamene'i, and the speaker of the Majlis (parliament), Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, a noted hawk in the war and a leader of the Islamic Republican Party which dominates the government.

President Bani-Sadr Sunday repeated the three conditions set by Iran for a ceasefire.

— Simultaneous ceasefire and withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Iranian territory.

— An investigation of responsibility for the

aggression.

— That the dispute should be settled on the basis of the 1975 Algiers agreement.

The Algiers accord fixed the disputed southern border between Iran and Iraq as the middle of the Shatt-Al-Arab waterway. Iraq is demanding full control of the Shatt-Al-Arab in a speech Sunday. Iraqi president Saddam Hussein said his force would not withdraw until Iran recognized Iraq's "rights" or the Iranian government was overthrown.

In a new tactic, President Hussein also pledged to increase support for Iran's dissident ethnic minorities to bring down a Tehran government "with which we cannot reach an understanding."

Iran's state radio, in a commentary on the peace mission, said Iran could not relax the conditions laid down by President Bani-Sadr "because a reduction of these demands would mean ignoring our national sovereignty."

Peace mission, Iranian leaders meet

TEHRAN, March 30. (R) — A nine-man Islamic mission seeking to end the war between Iran and Iraq began negotiations with Iranian leaders Monday as the state radio declared the country would not reduce its peace demands.

The mission, set up by Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), arrived in Tehran Monday morning and its leader, Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Toure, had talks soon afterwards with Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr.

The delegation includes the presidents of Gambia, Bangladesh and Pakistan, the Turkish prime minister and the Palestine Liberation

Oil output to stay

KUWAIT, March 30 (AP) — Saudi Arabia will not discuss any reduction in crude oil production rates before the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agrees on unified prices, Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani declared here Monday.

"An agreement on prices and price differentials should be the first step to be taken by OPEC members before discussing production rates," he said in an airport statement. "Price unity would lead to production reduction by all OPEC members."

Yamani arrived here for a meeting with Ali Atiq, secretary-general of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). His visit coincided with the arrival of Indonesian Oil Minister Dr. Subroto, who was to confer with his Kuwaiti counterpart Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah on ways of coordinating production policies among all OPEC member countries.

Officials said Yamani, Subroto and Al-Sabah were expected to discuss ways of arranging a unified strategy by OPEC members on prices and production rates.

The Gulf oil ministers have met twice in recent weeks, but both Yamani and Al-Sabah insisted that no production cutbacks were planned.

Heathrow airport paralyzed by strike

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Hit-and-run pay strikes by Britain's civil servants entered their fourth week Monday, disrupting 16 courts and causing another series of early morning delays at London's Heathrow Airport. Union leaders of the country's 530,000 civil servants have followed up a one-day near-total stoppage last March 9 with a series of selective strikes.

In their long-running battle with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, the unions are pulling out relatively small numbers of staff at establishments ranging from defense ministry surveillance posts to major tax processing computers.

Lines of passengers, mainly businessmen headed for other European destinations, built up Monday morning at Heathrow's No.

1 terminal, where only one immigration officer was on duty until 0900 GMT, when six others showed up. There have been similar sporadic holdups for the past three weeks as strikes hit in rotation the three terminals at Heathrow and other major airports.

"As long as the government refuses to negotiate and go to arbitration, we are not just going to lie back and be walked over. We are prepared to sit out for months and months," said a spokesman for the Council of Civil Service Unions.

Civil servants are demanding a 15-per cent hike in pay which ranges from £55 a week for janitors to £33,000 a year for permanent secretaries of Whitehall ministers, although none of the top civil servants have joined the strikes.

Diana weeps as Charles starts tour

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Lady Diana Spencer, who wept at her parting from Prince Charles Sunday as he left on a five-week world tour, is being given a busy schedule in the days ahead, Buckingham Palace said Monday.

The 19-year-old Diana, who will marry Britain's heir to the throne July 29, cried at bidding farewell to the prince at London's Heathrow Airport. He also appeared emotional as he said, "take care." One airport official said, "we have never seen such a touching farewell." Television pictures showed Diana openly weeping as Charles

flew off to New Zealand, first stop on a tour which takes him to Australia, Venezuela and the United States, where he attends a White House dinner May 1.

A palace spokesman said Diana would be kept busy while her fiance is away. "Like any bride-to-be, she is bound to be busy in all sorts of ways, arranging clothes for a start, and no doubt looking at curtains and things for their new home at Highgrove. She also has a great many letters to write."

The couple are furnishing Highgrove, which will be their country home in Gloucestershire county.

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On Gulf arbitration rules

Legal experts to meet

By a Staff Writer

ABU DHABI, March 30 — A committee of legal experts set up by the Gulf Cooperation Council will meet here May 20 to draw up statutes of the proposed arbitration court which will settle disputes arising among member states. The states include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman.

The council's foreign ministerial body which met in Muscat, Oman recently had asked Kuwait to prepare the statutes and requested the committee to be ready with its report for the foreign ministerial meeting due here May 24.

The council was created as a result of efforts by the member states to form a united body of states with similar internal and external policies. These will range from foreign relations to identical nationality and passport regulations.

A summit conference of the council is due to be held here at the end of May and will continue to meet every six months. The foreign ministers will meet every three months unless there arises a need to meet earlier, according to the constitution.

The foreign ministers first met in Riyadh shortly after the third Islamic summit conference was held in Taif to discuss a Kuwaiti working paper promoting closer relations. The paper had been approved in advance after the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad had toured the area delivering draft copies to each government. The result of the conference was the "Riyadh

Declaration announcing the mechanics of foregoing closer unity among the member states.

The initial announcement merely said that members agreed to form an organization to increase cooperation and coordination which they had been seeking for so long. This time they also decided to promote unity through practical means. Thus they moved to pursue common policies in economy, finance, commerce, education, culture, social services, health, communications, information (the mass media), passport and nationality rules, travel to and from each other's states, customs, freight, and legal and judicial affairs.

They also will have a supreme council of the leaders, a council of the foreign ministers or their deputies to meet periodically and a permanent secretariat to run the day-to-day affairs like that of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. The former Kuwaiti ambassador to the U.N., Abdullah Bishara, has been widely tipped to become the first secretary-general of the council.

The project has been hailed by other Arab states as a step in the right direction of eventual Arab unity.

In a separate development in Riyadh, Dr. Ali bin Muhammad Al-Tuwaijri, assistant director general of the Arab Gulf Education Bureau, opened Sunday evening the first working session of a conference on the exchange of visits among registrars of Gulf states. More than 17 deans and scholars are attending the conference. Delegates will visit Riyadh and Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic Universities.



DISCUSSIONS: The Minister of Islamic Affairs and Communications in Sri Lanka, Muhammad Haniffa Muhammad, arrived here on an official visit Sunday with a message for King Khalid. Here he talks with Saudi Arabian Minister of Communications Hussain Mansouri. Sri Lanka President J.R. Jayewardene is due to visit the Kingdom in the near future. Haniffa Muhammad praised bilateral relations and the Kingdom's assistance to his country.

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Sewage contracts awarded

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb ibn Abdul Aziz, the acting minister for municipal and rural affairs, approved the awarding of an SR65.7 million contract to an international company.

The contract calls for completing the sewage networks for Qatif, including house connections. The project also includes finishing work on a pumping and sewage water treatment plant in Qatif, which has been withdrawn from a former contractor. The project will begin in few days and be completed within 20 months.

In other construction developments, Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the awarding of two water projects in various parts of the Kingdom Monday. The total cost of the projects amounted to SR14.7 million.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh signed a SR7.5 million contract with a national firm for expanding the Tamir water network and a

water project for Mabaid. The contract calls for building a 1,000 cubic meter underground tank, a pumping unit, housing units, lay a 14-kilometer pipelines from Tamir to Mabaid, and developing a complete network for the populated districts in Mabaid. The project should be completed within 15 months under the contract.

The minister also signed a SR6.5 million contract with a national company for constructing the water project of Awadeth, Ghazawiya, Sahel, Loma Al-Matn, Sabia and Sabt Loma. The contract comprises building a 20 meter high tank with a capacity of 200 cubic meters, housing units for workers, digging two wells one of which will be artesian, and laying a water network with a total length of 26 kilometers. The project is expected to be completed in 20 months.

Meanwhile, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel, deputy commerce minister and chairman of the Southern Region consolidated electricity company, signed a contract with a national consulting company for preparing a ten-year plan in the company's concession area.

The concession area includes Asir, Baha, Jizan and Najran. The consulting firm will undergo studies on pressure and demand for electricity by the public in the region. A plan will be forged for building generating stations, transmission and distribution networks to meet the region's demands for power for the next ten years.

In another development, Amin Attas, deputy minister of pilgrimage and endowments, signed Monday an SR5.7 million contract for building nine mosques in Jizan, Qurayyat, Taif, Bisha and Wajh. Attas also signed another contract for renovating nine mosques in Taif and Abha at a cost of SR1.2 million.

Institute receives aid for lecturer's training

KHARTOUM, March 30 (SPA) — The Mecca-based Muslim World League Sunday gave SR 100,000 to set up an Islamic religious lecturers training institute and another SR 100,000 to Sudan's Supreme Council of Mosques.

The amount was pledged here Sunday by the league's Assistant Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqa, who is taking part at the World Conference on Islamic Dawa (invitation to join Islam) which opened Saturday. The conference aims at drawing up a unified strategy for Islamic Dawa and arriving at a common method to combat the challenges to Islam along with modern ideologies. It will discuss in particular, the challenges posed to Muslims at the advent of the XVth Hijra century, and the spread of Islam in Europe and Africa.

Work plans reviewed

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The Higher Executive Committee for the Development of Qasr-Al-Hokm area met here Sunday evening under Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. It reviewed progress in the implementation of the project so that the work may start on schedule. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Governor Prince Sattam.

Earlier, Prince Salman chaired a meeting of Riyadh Welfare Society at the headquarters of the Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh. The meeting considered the scale of contribution of affiliate societies to the RWS's budget. It also reviewed Al-Der'eyya complex project which will soon be offered for tender.

Yanbu plan submitted

LONDON, March 30 (LSP) — A Master Information System Plan for Yanbu is in the process of being submitted to the authorities there. It will indicate how automation can be integrated into the physical infra-structure and how information technology can be harnessed within the municipal management information system, and how computer modeling can be applied during the planning and day to day operation of the city. It is being drawn up by Atkins with the National Computer Services Center, based in Jeddah.

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SABIC agreement to be finalized

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 30 — The final agreement between the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), and a consortium led by the Japanese company, Mitsubishi, will be signed in two month's time according to the corporation.

Speaking to Arab News Monday, Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, deputy chairman and managing director said the agreement, initiated last year, will call for the production of 965,000

of petrochemicals, most of which will be for export. Exxon is allied with Mitsubishi in the project.

The plant, to be located in Jubail, will start production at the beginning of 1983 and will be the first involvement of the Japanese in petrochemical plants outside their own country.

Speaking at the initialing ceremony last year the President of Mitsubishi Gas Chemicals said other joint ventures will be developed between the two countries.

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For Riyadh, Jeddah

Recreation areas ok'd

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 30 — Several million dollars will be spent on three civic and recreational centers in the current five-year development plan in Jeddah and Riyadh, officials said Monday.

Prince Sattam bin Abdul Aziz, deputy governor of Riyadh Monday inspected the site for the recreational city on the Riyadh-Hijaz road.

The prince, who made a helicopter tour of the area, said that Crown Prince Fahd has approved the project in principle. The project will comprise a number of public gardens, swimming pools and motel.

The site was chosen by a committee of experts at instructions from King Khaled

"who takes interest in the reaction of the public", during their leisure time," Prince Sattam said.

He added that a joint stock company will construct the recreation city and that Saleh Kamel, vice-president of the Saudi Hotels and Resort Areas Company, will carry out a study for the projected city.

He said the blueprints of the project, to be set up on an area of 10,000 square meters, will also be worked out.

In Jeddah the public sector will establish a Civic Center estimated to cost SR 600 million while the private sector will build a recreation center in Ohhor, on Jeddah's northern Red Sea coast. Jeddah Mayor Said Farisi was quoted as saying Monday that the Civic Center will be an integrated facility which includes a conference hall, a mosque, a supermarket, an equarium and a communication network to serve ships and international airline companies.

The mayor added that the site, originally planned in front of the Foreign Ministry, would be established on the Corniche. He added that the Civic Center also received the approval of Crown Prince Fahd.

The private sector meanwhile will launch a recreation center in Ohhor reportedly at a cost of one billion riyals. Municipal sources Monday said Dalla-Almabani was planning the project at Ohhor Creek, 40 kms north of Jeddah.

The picnic ground will contain gardens, fountains, playgrounds and clubs. The mayor said that the project was being considered on the advice of Crown Prince Fahd in addition to other smaller recreational areas for the people of the city and surrounding areas. It will cost about SR 1 billion when completed, he said.

ISD standardized

RIYADH, The Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, has announced that all telephone subscribers will benefit from Saudi Telephone's modernization program on Jumada Awal 26 (April 1).

On that date a general conversion to international subscriber dialing will begin, and all subscribers will be able to dial international calls direct, a ministry press statement said.

Dr. Kayyal stressed that the Kingdom-wide conversion does not include official government ministry lines, and that provisions have been made for subscribers who do not wish to have ISD service. Subscribers who want to have their telephone lines restricted from ISD dialing should sign a request at their local office, the statement said.

The number of countries directly accessible by ISD now stands at more than 90 compared to 21 when the service was introduced, the statement added. Of the one million international calls processed by Saudi Telephone each month, approximately 70 per cent are placed using ISD, the company said.

French minister to visit

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The French Defense Minister Robert Gallet will arrive here Sunday on a two-day visit officials announced Monday.



FAREWELL: The Foreign Ministry gave a reception in honour of Italy's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Alberto Sowera, to bid him farewell at the end of his tenure. Sunday's reception was attended by Sheikh Salem Sunbul, head of the Foreign Ministry protocol, and members of the diplomatic corps.

ERRATUM

In the March 25 edition, Arab News mistakenly said that Saudi airline's new 747 Jumbo SP, to be delivered soon, would be Saudi's first aircraft of its kind with Rolls Royce engines. Saudia's Public Affairs Department also reported that Arab News incorrectly stated that Saudia has signed an agreement with both Boeing and Lockheed, under which the national carrier will provide the two companies with the necessary funds to develop and renovate their aircraft engines, and that the agreement gives Saudia concession and utilization rights on improvements. Arab News regrets the errors.

Grand Prix race to be staged

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, March 30 — Dubai will stage the first international motor race in the Middle East on Dec 4 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the formation of the United Arab Emirates, the grand prix organizer said Saturday.

The announcement was made by chief organizer Martin Hone of Birmingham, England, at the headquarters of the Dubai grand prix, in the Tinj Emirate on the Arabian Gulf. He said international formula-one racers

will participate in the race.

Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktum, the Ruler of Dubai and prime minister of the Trucial States, has approved the race and is expected to order the building of the Dubai corniche which will run along the shores of the Gulf, officials said.

Part of the corniche will be used as a section for the 1.5 mile race circuit. Dubai will also bear the cost of erecting safety barriers.

BRIEFS

Saudia's Madrid flights

JEDDAH, March 30 — Saudia will start Tuesday operating two flights a week to Madrid, according to Yarub Balkhair, deputy director of public relations. Last Saturday the airline began a twice weekly service to New Delhi. Saudia now flies to 38 foreign destinations and has 21 domestic stations.

Djibouti official arrives

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The Chief of Staff of Djibouti, an Arab state on the Red Sea coast, Col. Ali Nidel, arrived here on an official visit. He was received by General Muhammad Al Saleh, chief of the general staff and other senior officers.

Glass factory discussions

RIYADH, March 30 — Discussions are under way in the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consultations for building a glass-plate factory in Iraq which will be the fourth of its kind to be approved by the Arab states of the region to promote coordination and eliminate wasteful duplication.

Bank branch opens

JEDDAH, March 30 — The Saudi-

American Bank opened a branch on Medina Road as part of its expansion plan. The ceremony was attended by directors and officials and a number of businessmen.

Medical conference continues

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — The Saudi-French Medical conference resumed at the Meridien Hotel here Sunday evening to listen to more lectures and examine research papers aimed at acquainting the conference with France's medical advance and the medicines it manufactures. The conference, which opened Saturday, is attended by Saudi doctors and representatives of French pharmaceutical firms and companies concerned with the marketing of medicines in Saudi Arabia.

Sewage efforts discussed

MECCA, March 30 (SPA) — The board of the Western Province's Water and Sewage Department met here Sunday evening under Mecca Governor Prince Majed. The meeting was attended by officials, engineers and owners of firms carrying out sewage projects. It discussed the board's projects in Jeddah, Taif and Mecca.

National companies get road projects

DAMMAM, March 30 (SPA) — Contracts for the construction of three road projects at a cost of SR419 million were awarded to national companies Tuesday, according to Sami Fodah, director of the road department in the Eastern Region.

He said the first road covering Qashlah-airport will be eight kilometers long with 12 lanes and a bridge at a cost of SR48 million, to be completed in 16 months. The second, one will link Dammam with Khobar. It will be 18 kilometers long and will have 12 lanes and five bridges. It will take 24 months to complete at a cost of SR318 million.

The third project, at a cost of SR53 million, will improve and repair the existing Abqalg-Dhahran road along 62 kilometers,

and take 12 months to complete.

Meanwhile, Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal bin Fahd signed an SR334.8 million contract with an international company for the construction of a sports complex in Mecca Monday.

The project includes an international football stadium that will seat 25,000 spectators, administrative offices, a swimming hall that will accommodate 1,500 people and three Olympic-size swimming pools. The complex will also comprise a closed games hall for 3,000 spectators, a mosque for 400 people, a social center with a restaurant and a lecture hall for 500.

In addition to indoor and outdoor basketball, volleyball and handball courts, the complex will have a youth hostel.

COMMENT

By Abdul Rahman Omar Khayyat
Al Bilad

I and many others have read newspaper reports about a royal order on the formation of a committee of members from six ministries to study the problem of outrageous bridal costs and to find suitable solutions to this problem.

As a citizen, I am familiar with the situation which repeats itself almost invariably, but I would say that there is nothing like "excessive bridal money" in existence in the Western Province. By the grace of God, it has become only symbolic, as the bride's father accepts only SR 5,000 in the name of clothes for the bride, though he is pretty sure the cost would not be less than SR 15,000. There are others who take SR 10,000, but add an equal amount to meet the requirements.

I know of someone who accepted a bare SR 100 for the bridal money and gave the rest to the bridegroom's relatives to make the necessary arrangements. But I would certainly say there is some extravagance which is clearly noticed in three matters. People normally spend a lot on singers, on food and on the bridal dresses.

In my view, the ideal way to solve this problem will be to put an end to these elements and to fix a reasonable amount to be spent on the wedding, including feasts and dresses. A reasonable and acceptable function could be held with participation from both sides with a view to minimizing the marriage expenses.

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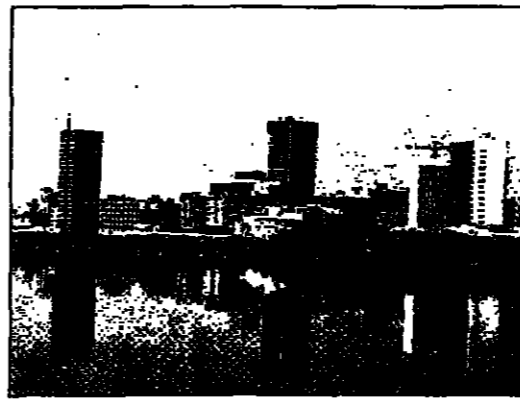
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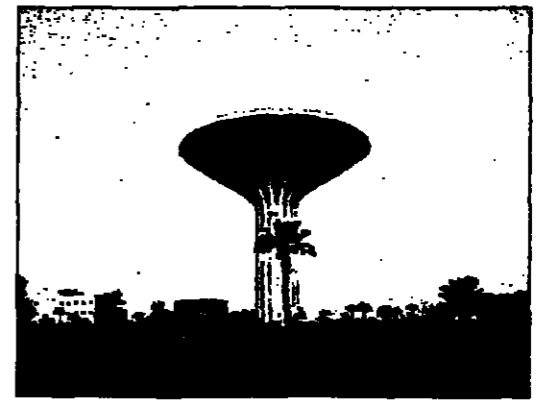
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On Land Day

Arab woman injured in Israeli firing

TEL AVIV, March 30 (Agencies) — An Arab woman was wounded by a bullet Monday when Israelis fired to fend off a crowd of rock-throwing Palestinian youths in the occupied West Bank, the military government said.

The firing took place at Jafazoun refugee camp near Ramallah on the main north-south West Bank. Israel radio said.

The woman was in her house and apparently had done nothing to warrant the firing, Arab sources said. Ramallah hospital authorities said the woman, 29-year-old Neameh Fares Abdul-Aziz, was shot in the leg. The incident was one of several reported Monday.

The demonstrations were timed to coincide with Land Day, when Palestinians commemorate the death of six of their compatriots in the 1976 riots protesting the confiscation of their land by the Zionists.

Israel radio reported business strikes in West Bank towns of Bethlehem, Nablus and Tulkarm. It said that in many cases, the army forced the shopkeepers to reopen by smashing the locks of their stores.

Arab sources said the military government called in 60 Ramallah area merchants and warned them not to take part in any business strike. In the Arab sector of Jerusalem, business was shut down.

In two towns in the West Bank and one in Israel, the Palestinian flag was unfurled on public buildings and taken down by Israeli security forces, the radio said.

West Bank building

Israeli seizure challenged

TEL AVIV, March 30 (R) — Eleven Palestinian families from Hebron on the Israeli-occupied West Bank Sunday launched a legal offensive to end the Jewish presence in the center of their town, their lawyer said. Attorney Felicia Langer said the families petitioned the Israeli supreme court to issue an order requiring the defense minister to explain why the Jewish occupation of a prominent building in the town center should not be ended.

Two years ago, Jews took over the Hadassah Building in the center of the troubled town — frequent scene of clashes between Israelis and Palestinians. At the time, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman told the Knesset (parliament) that the squatters would not be allowed to remain. But since then, the occupation has acquired a semi-

legal status. Almost 200 Jews live in the building, forming the nucleus of the Israeli presence in old Hebron.

The town has religious significance for Muslims. The families say in their submission to the court that the settlers in the Hadassah Building have created an atmosphere of fear through threats, and physical attacks on neighboring Palestinians.

Meanwhile, a group of Arab Bedouin, charging the authorities with expropriation of traditional Bedouin lands, said Sunday they had formed an association to defend Bedouin rights in Israel. Nuri Elokbi, the association's chairman, told a press conference that his group represented a majority of Palestine's 50,000 Bedouin who live mainly in the southern Negev region.

Egypt says

Soviet RDF based in Libya

CAIRO, March 30 (AP) — The Soviet Union has its own Rapid Deployment Force in the Middle East — in Libya — and it is superior to the one being created by the Americans, Egypt's new defense minister said in a press interview.

"Libya is the cornerstone in the global dispersion of Soviet forces," the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* quoted Defense Minister Muhammad Abdul Halim Abdu Ghazala as saying. This marked the first time Abu Ghazala, a longtime military attache at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, has spoken out publicly on arms and foreign policy.

"Thanks to Libya, the Soviet Union is in a better situation than the United States. The Soviets have their war equipment here. All they have to do is bring in the men," the paper quoted the defense minister as saying.

It has been known that Libya maintains arsenals of Soviet-bloc tanks, warplanes and field weapons far beyond the needs of its own military.

The common presumption is that this material is stored in the north African state so that in case of a war, Eastern-bloc advisers and even combatant soldiers might rush to aid the Libyan side.

Egypt, U.S. to seek U.N. peace force

CAIRO, March 30 (AP) — Despite Soviet threats to veto the proposal, the United States and Egypt will ask the U.N. Security Council to approve a peacekeeping force in the Sinai following Israel's final withdrawal next year, a U.S. diplomat said Sunday.

Michael Sturner, deputy assistant secretary of state, did not explain why the Ronald Reagan administration would request the council action. He spoke with reporters at the end of two days of talks with Egyptian officials on the proposed force. Diplomatic sources said the move was intended to follow each point in the U.S.-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli peace accord.

Nott rules out U.K. intervention in Gulf

ABU DHABI, March 30 (AP) — British Defense Secretary John Nott said Monday Britain was not interested in intervening in the Gulf region. "Why should I send British troops to the Gulf, Nott asked, responding to a reporter's question. "It is the last thing I would want to do, unless the states in the region ask us to come. The idea that Britain wants to send troops (to the Gulf) exists only in the mind of (Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev)."

Security of the Gulf, he said, was best looked after by the Gulf people themselves. However, the Soviet "threat is not going to go away, and unless the Gulf countries show they do not want to see Soviet expansion, then it will happen. To think otherwise is to live in cloud cuckoo land," said Nott.

The British secretary who was on the fourth leg of a five-nation tour of the Gulf, conferred Monday morning with United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AP) — An anti-clerical underground group known as "Al-Forgan" has been implicated in the assassination attempt Ayatollah Rabbani Shirazi, a representative of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, a Tehran newspaper reported Monday.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Two persons suspected of involvement in a gun attack against a leading Ayatollah have been arrested in the hospital where the victim is being treated, the state news agency Pars reported Monday.

LONDON, (AFP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will go to Qatar during an official tour of the Middle East and India in April, it was announced here Monday.

Demirel, Ecevit to be barred in Turkish poll

NEW YORK, March 30 (R) — The head of Turkey's military government, Gen. Kenan Evren, says he will hold general elections but that two former prime ministers, Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit, should be barred from standing, according to a magazine interview published Sunday. Asked by *Newsweek* international when elections might take place, he said that "after the assembly drafts a new constitution, it must be approved in a referendum and a new election law prepared. New parties may have to be established and time will have to be allotted for them to get organized. "Only then will there be general elections."

He added that new politicians should be given a chance over Demirel and Ecevit. "If the politicians had not been at each other's throats, the military would not have had to assume power. It would not be appropriate for them to serve either in the constituent assembly or in the next parliament," *Newsweek* quoted him as saying.

On his own chances of being elected president, he said, "I cannot guarantee I will be alive by the time the election comes. A lot of people are awaiting my death or are plotting to kill me."

Terrorism continued to take place in Turkey, he told *Newsweek*. "There is no way completely to stamp it out. That does not

Iran executes 21 offenders

TEHRAN, March 30 (R) — Twenty-one persons were executed by firing squad in Tehran Monday all of them in public, for smuggling, drug offences and brothelkeeping Tehran afternoon newspapers reported.

Those executed, who include five women, had been found guilty by the revolutionary tribunal of being "the corrupt of the earth" and waging war on God," the papers said.

The newspapers said the women had been executed for drug-dealing and prostitution. Six men were convicted of running brothels in the south Tehran compound. These were closed, and the compound bulldozed after the 1979 revolution.

The other men were executed in groups of five in streets in southern and central Tehran, the newspapers said.

Several hundred people have been put to death since the revolution but in recent months the rate of executions has declined considerably.

Benjedid in Luanda

LISBON, (AP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid arrived at the Angolan capital of Luanda Sunday for talks with leaders of that west African nation at the start of an 11-state continental tour.

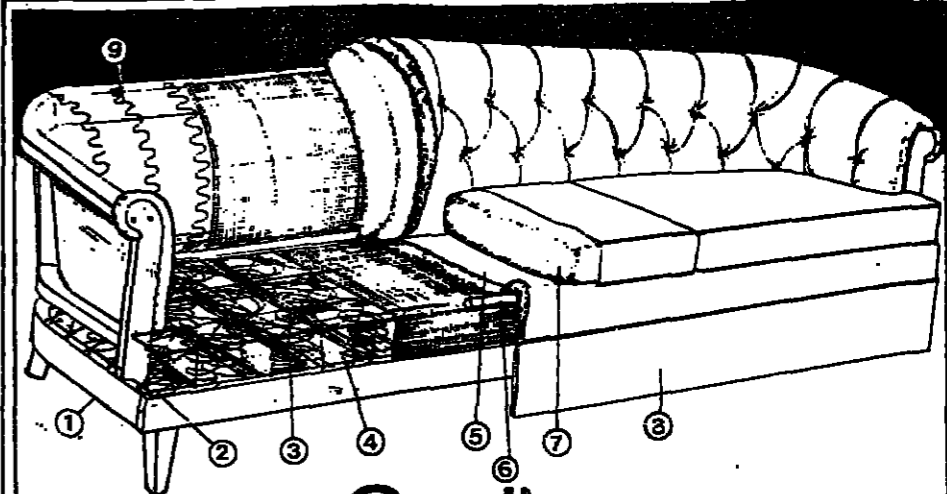
mean it will cripple us, as was the case before."

Many Turkish guerrillas had fled the country and were trying to undermine the regime by accusing it of torturing prisoners, he said.

"I don't believe that our security forces' administration has issued explicit instructions to resort to torture and if a complaint reaches the government, immediate steps are taken to deal with perpetrators. At present, there are about 16 cases of such violations before the courts," Gen. Evren said.

Communists held in Cairo

CAIRO, March 30 (AP) — Police have arrested "more than 70 persons" accused of attempting to defame the government of President Anwar Sadat and one newspaper described the move Monday as "a crackdown on the biggest communist ring" in Egypt. The weekly *Maya*, known to have close connections to Sadat, said the accused were arrested for handing out anti-government leaflets designed to "disrupt the home front and spread suspicion in the leadership." It said the underground Communist ring was "operating in Cairo and several large provinces," but it did not name them.



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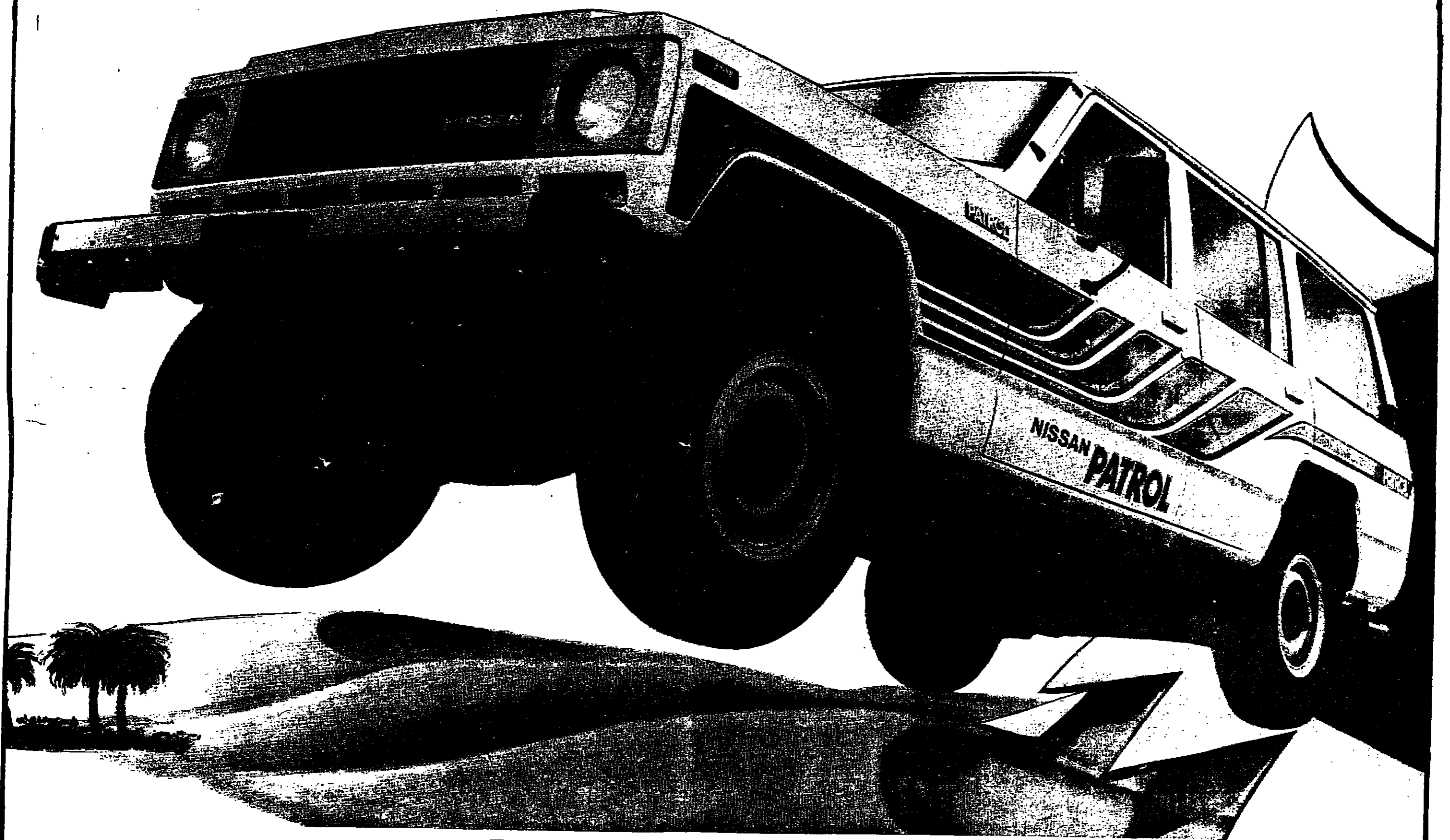
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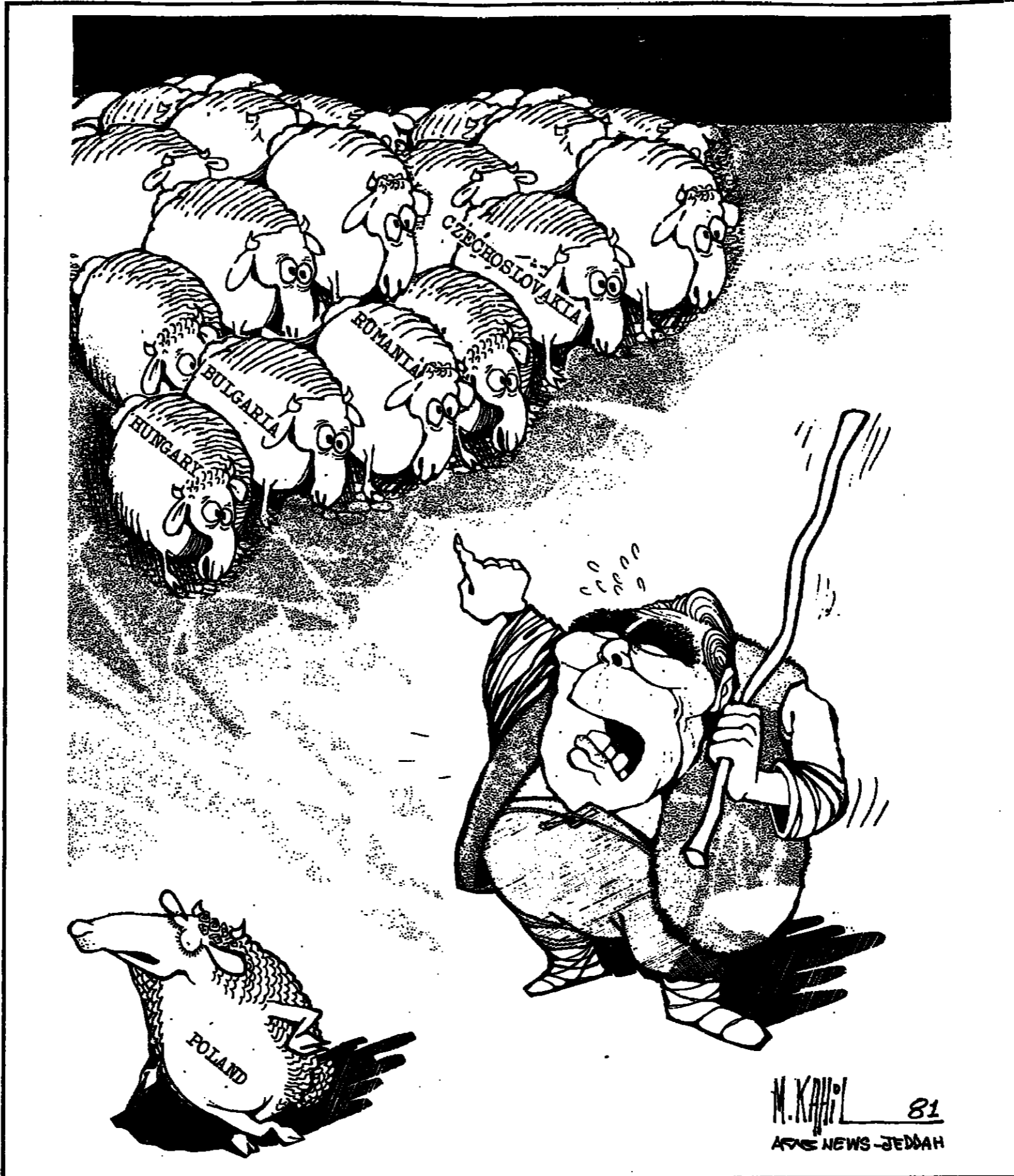
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Reagan team speaking with many voices

By Bruce Russell

WASHINGTON — After only two months in office, President Reagan's administration is being criticized for the same fault he held against the Carter government — speaking on public issues with many voices. The two months, which have been marked by a sharp turn to conservatism in the United States, have brought a stream of conflicting statements by top officials in the areas of defense, foreign affairs and the economy. Cabinet members and lower officials have made pronouncements on issues ranging from neutron warheads and detente to petrol taxes only to have their statements denied by higher officials. At times, it has seemed the only person to escape having to backtrack is President Reagan himself. Top officials say they worry about the flow of contradictions and hope they will soon end, but do not believe irreparable harm has been done to the administration's image. One official who asked not to be named said in a recent interview: "It's been harmful but we don't think the harm is irreparable. We think it will work out in the end. But little things like this do add up." The most dramatic feud was the one in the past week between the White House and Secretary of State Alexander Haig over who should manage foreign and domestic crises. There were rumors that Haig might resign after Reagan decided to give the Crisis job to Vice-President George Bush. But Haig insisted that he had not threatened to step down and said he wanted to get on with the substance of foreign policy. Some believed Haig had brought the trouble on his own head by being too aggressive. Hodding Carter, a former State Department spokesman in the previous administration, said in a television interview: "I think he asked for it ... by behaving in a way which is usually held for presidents," Carter

said. Other officials and former officials said they felt the chief danger from the controversy might be that it would worry the European allies. They said these allies were already upset by the anti-detente statements of some of Reagan's right-wing appointees and were pinning their hopes on Haig's European experience to get across their points of view. During last year's election campaign, Reagan made much of the struggles for dominance between President Carter's National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and the State Department. Despite pledges that the new government would speak with one voice, lack of harmony became a problem almost at once. In his first press conference after taking office, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said he was in favor of stationing neutron warheads in Western Europe. That caused an outcry from across the Atlantic and Haig swiftly reassured the allies it would not be done before consultation with them. Haig recently said there had been a total Communist takeover in Nicaragua. The next day he conceded there were still moderate elements in the Nicaraguan government which the United States wanted to encourage. Another high U.S. official caused alarm by saying in an intervention detente was dead. The White House said the official, later named as Soviet affairs expert Richard Pipes of the National Security Council, was speaking for himself. Budget Director David Stockman said on television he did not think the government had a responsibility to provide all manner of social services to Americans. But Treasury Secretary Donald Regan almost immediately said Stockman had gone too far. Polls have shown that the number of people who disapprove of Reagan's performance as president has risen in the last two months. But Reagan's spokesman says this is because of the strong stand

he has taken on bringing government spending under control rather than the contradictory statements. A Gallup poll conducted six weeks after he took office showed the number of people who disapproved of his performance had risen by 11 per cent to 24 per cent from the days just after he was sworn in. But his popularity rating is also up — by eight per cent to 59 per cent. Reagan supporters who have followed him since his days as governor of California and now hold positions in the White House say they are delighted with his performance and optimism within the administration is high. One said: "We thought when he got into office the pressure would begin and there would be all sorts of compromises. But it has not happened. Reagan has taken very strong positions." (R)

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KENNEDY'S IGNORANCE

Senator Kennedy's attack on Saudi Arabia was surprising in the extent of the man's ignorance of the Kingdom and his deliberate attempt to curry favor with his hosts at the Jewish National Fund in New York Monday. Kennedy showed an outstanding folly by describing Saudi Arabia as a country that supports terrorism and which should not be given additional arms to help in its own defense. He did not appear to care to remember that Saudi Arabia has always condemned acts of terrorism and promoted moderation and a peaceful approach to international disputes. This oversight was obviously deliberate, for Kennedy had the double intention of seeking Jewish favors and of embarrassing the Reagan administration which has been trying to improve U.S.-Saudi Arabian relations since it came to power last year. Kennedy lost the Democratic race with Carter and has had a rough time re-establishing his credibility with the American voters on account of his shattered personal and family life. So what other, easier vehicle to win Jewish approval than to denounce an Arab state that has been, paradoxically, one of the staunchest friends of his own country. His unwarranted attack comes one week before the visit of the first senior official of the Reagan administration, Secretary of State Alexander Haig for talks with government leaders aimed at consolidating bilateral relations. He made things a lot worse by flaying Saudi Arabia's oil pricing policy which, on all accounts, including America, has been instrumental in holding down the oil prices and avoiding serious world economic disorders. But all this does not seem to persuade the senator of Saudi Arabia's bonafides as long as the Kingdom does not go along with the Camp David comic-tragedy which at best constitutes a sell-out to his Israeli hosts. He could care less that Saudi Arabia's moderate oil policy has been beneficial to his own country and the rest of the world as long as Saudi Arabia remains hostile to Israel and seeks an honorable peace in the region and justice to the Palestinians. He is furious because Saudi Arabia supports the Palestinians and their right to self-determination, their right to liberate their homeland, occupied by the Israelis in 1948 and expanded in 1967 and in 1973 and the need for a just and lasting settlement in the region. He calls the Palestinians terrorist while he supports the Irish movement for liberation prior to union with Ireland. Thus anybody and any government that supports the Palestinian liberation movement is anathema to Kennedy and his likes regardless of the rights and wrongs of the issues involved. Fortunately, for the U.S., Kennedy is not in a position of authority to carry out his ballyhoo and fortunately for America's friends, they are not duty-bound to buy their arms from the American bazaar alone.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday mostly led with the mission of the Islamic goodwill committee, reporting PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's arrival in Tehran to pave the way for the committee's mission. They also highlighted the conditions put forward by both Iraq and Iran to end the fighting. Newspapers gave front-page coverage to a message which King Khalid received from President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia, and another he was to receive from the president of Sri Lanka Monday. Crown Prince Fahd's approval to allocate SR600 million for building a cultural center in Jeddah figured prominently as a page one story in the newspapers which also highlighted Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's inspection tour of the foreign ministry and embassies project in the capital. United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's interview with the Kuwaiti paper Al Ray Al Aam, which he called for the revision of the Security Council resolution 242, was given front-page coverage in most newspapers. Commenting editorially on the Kingdom's membership of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Al Medina observed that the increase in Saudi Arabia's capital in the Fund would play a fundamental role in the world monetary policy. The decision to increase the Kingdom's share means that its position has been practically admitted in the world monetary circle, the paper said, and added that this step would achieve Arab and Islamic representation in the IMF with the Kingdom's presence as a permanent member of the fund's board of executive

directors. The paper felt convinced that this achievement represented a triumphal accomplishment of the whole Arab and Islamic world, and added that the Kingdom's activities in the IMF would give support to right and justice in the world of monetary dealings. Dealing with the goodwill committee's mission to Tehran and Baghdad, Al Jazirah noted that the responsibility of bringing a ceasefire between the two warring countries is a big challenge to the committee. A successful conclusion of this challenge would mean much for Islam and Muslims in the 20th century, the paper said. It added that Muslims all over the world have pinned great hopes on the committee's efforts in its current round of talks with the leaders of Iraq and Iran. On the same subject, Al Bilad expressed satisfaction with the goodwill committee's successful confrontation of all obstacles. With a characteristic individuality gained through the power of Islam, the committee has been playing a constructive role in finding a comprehensive formula for peace between the two countries. The committee's shuttle to Tehran and then to Baghdad provides great optimism as a result of its ceaseless and constructive role, the paper said. It urged both Iran and Iraq to show a more positive and flexible attitude toward the committee's task so that a suitable climate could be created for a meaningful dialogue and peace in the region. Okaz said that the bloody war has estranged the two Islamic states. It urged the parties concerned to

welcome the goodwill committee with an open heart without trying to find who is to be blamed for the conflict. It said the committee is engaged in its task to stress that the Islamic nations is in desperate need of peace and tranquility and not war and strife. The paper expressed the confidence that both Iraq and Iran would give a favorable response to the nation's call for peace based on Islamic brotherhood. Al Youm dwelt on the upcoming tour of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to the Middle East. The paper said it has become almost clear that the U.S. is in a position to impose its will on Israel and to compel it to accept logic and give up the occupied Arab lands. It added that reports have been circulating that Haig would try to explore Israel's role within the context of a strategic confrontation of the Soviet danger in the region. The paper noted that the new leaders of Washington think that the states of the Middle East should participate in this confrontation in exchange for the U.S. efforts in settling the Middle East dispute. The paper said that if Haig comes to the Middle East with this logic in view, it would become almost impossible to establish strong relations of friendship between the U.S. and Arab states. However, it said with a measure of confidence that Haig would return to Washington more convinced of the need to re-arrange America's priorities in the region in the light of solid realities which he would notice in the region.



What do I do with the World Cup? I want the world itself! Al Medina

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Wood-carver gives new life to age-old craft

By Jess Grant

AL KHOBAR — In the little village of Brienz, nestled high in the Swiss Alps, a craftsman named Andreas Fichter keeps the ancient craft of the wood carver alive. In mid-March he left his home by Brienz's old mill stream to come to Khobar for "Swiss Week" at the Al Gosaibi Hotel. He was chosen by the Swiss Tourist Authority because he was one of the few Swiss woodcarvers who speaks English.

Fichter was born in South America and raised in the United States where his Swiss father moved from one place to another as his job with an oil company demanded. Although he was a talented student, he left the engineering department at the University of Washington in 1969 to return to Switzerland to become a woodcarver.

"I decided that I didn't want to wear a business suit the rest of my life, and that I didn't have to have a lot of money," said Fichter. "To live where I wanted to live and do what I wanted to do was more important to me."

Sporting a bushy mustache, Andreas Fichter wore a blue denim shirt and navy corduroy pants as he chose one of his 140 chisels to whittle the cow he was working on. The atmosphere of the late '60s when "Do your own thing" influenced the behavior of many young Americans certainly left its mark on Andreas; but the direction his life took at that time was firmly guided by previous experience and aptitude.

"So far I haven't been disappointed, but it is not as romantic as it sounds." An uncle did wood carving, and when he was a boy young Fichter used to scavenge scraps of balsa, ebony, and rosewood from lumber yards to whittle. Once in Brienz, he studied at the woodcarving school there where the apprenticeship is now four years and the curriculum guide is three inches thick. After that, he joined the guild of the 60 professional full-time woodcarvers in Switzerland. He now works with eight other artisans in a three-room workshop. Some of his mates are third generation woodcarvers.

Apprenticeship is a necessary preliminary, the 34-year-old Fichter pointed out since the craft must be learned. The public considers the woodcarvers to be artists but they prefer the title of craftsmen. "Art goes beyond craft," agrees Fichter, "but these days there is not much craft left in art."

The woodcarvers don't sign their work unless specifically requested. They work on order and follow the traditional designs rather than make one-of-a-kind pieces. There is no "art for art's sake" for these men who look upon woodcarving as their livelihood. Nonetheless, customers want each cow or bear to be unique.

"It's asking too much to have each one different," said Fichter with a grin. "If you make 10 or 15, then you understand the figure better and get cleaner cuts. And it's more economic."

"What you see here is our bread and butter," he said pointing to an array of small figures of men and women dressed in national costume and doing everything one thinks the Swiss do short of eating cheese or yodelling. A ruddy-cheeked lad skis; a plump yokel — who probably ate too many chocolates —



SWISS WEEK: Andreas Fichter, a wood-carver who came to Al Khobar to participate in the Swiss Week, at work. The background poster is of fields near his hometown of Brienz.

blows on the Alp horns; and an old farm woman fills a basket with twigs for the fire. There are animals, too: a large piece depicts a pair of ibex on a mountain crag, their long backward-curving horns raised to the brisk Alpine air. There were contented cows and kittens and cuddly bear cubs.

"We make what we can sell," explained Fichter, "and no one wants an old, mean-

looking bear." The pieces are carved from the wood of the linden tree which is soft yet solid enough for fine detail to be worked into it. Most important, linden trees abound near the village of Brienz so the supply is cheap and plentiful.

With the onslaught of plastic and metal in everyday life, wood is now revered as a material. Clients accordingly prefer the wood carvings to be unpainted so that they can

better see the cuts and workmanship.

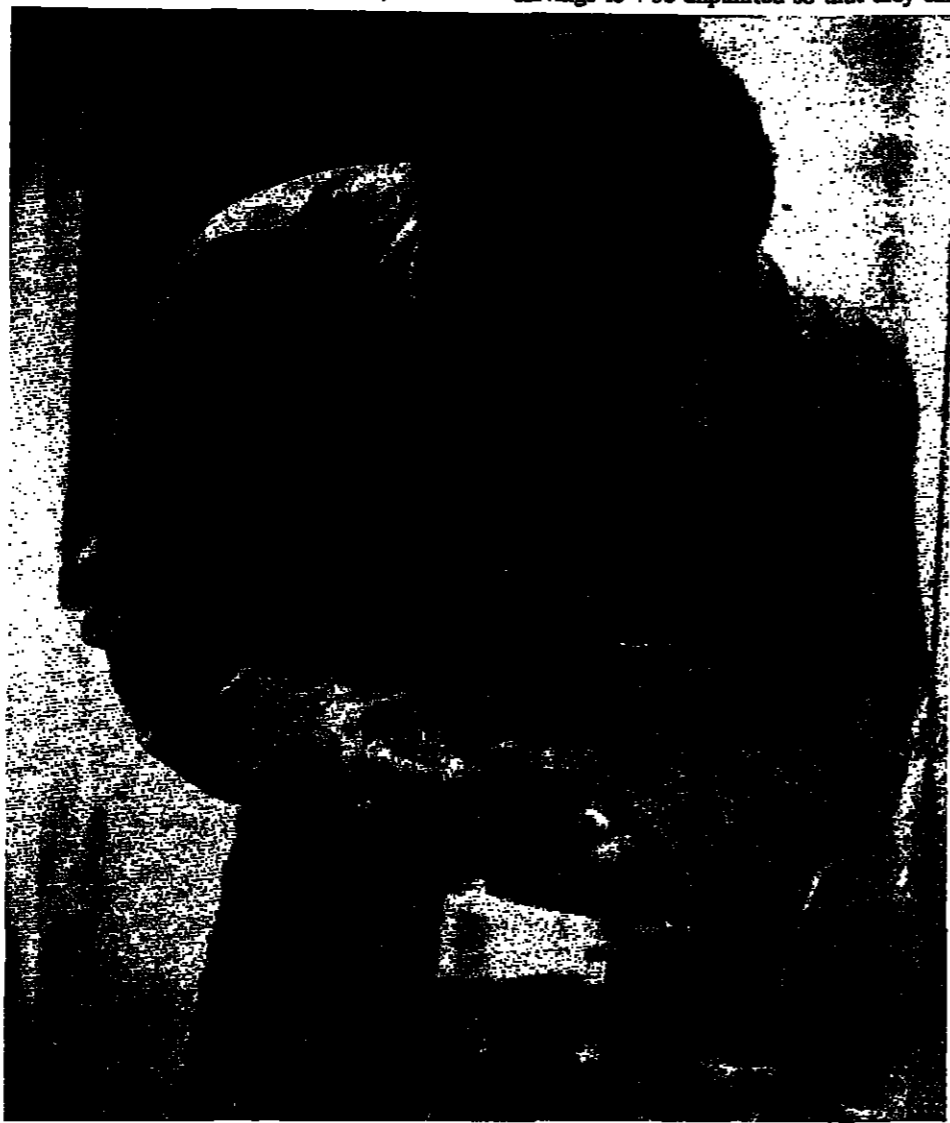
The stereotype of the Swiss as stolid burghers that the Brienz craftsmen present in their work is not as false as one might suspect. But one Swiss visitor told Fichter that "you should have a few demonstrators throwing rocks for realism" — a reference to last spring's student riots in Zurich. Swiss heritage, nonetheless, is presently enjoying a revival. There are three yodelling clubs in Brienz alone.

"When the lake is still, sometimes you can hear someone playing the alp horn, and not for money but because the player enjoys its sound." Not only Fichter's figurines wear the national dress; courses are offered in Switzerland to teach women how to sew their homespun village costumes which they proudly don on holidays.

Fichter thinks, however, that the popular image of Switzerland is false in its presentation of the weather. "None of the posters ever show rain, but there really is a good deal of it." He added that the image of sobriety and industry that lulls to sleep the holders of numbered Swiss bank accounts is more characteristic of the German part of the nation. The French Swiss, apparently, are less sober.

Although Swiss handicraft stores are their major customer, tourists are not the only ones who buy the woodcarvers' wares. The Brienz craftsmen do a brisk business in making trophies for winners of skiing competitions. It is fashionable now for families to have their own coats of arms which the carvers can chisel out of wood. Fichter mentioned that a Lebanese family had commissioned one. For all its variety, however, the woodcarving craft is a precarious livelihood which serves as a barometer of the world's financial health.

"When the recession was on," said Fichter, "there was little work. Now there are so many orders to fill we don't have time to relax." Contemporary design in furniture, however, favors metal and foam over wood. The carvers no longer get orders from Paris to make the period furniture that their grandfathers did at the turn of the century. The sale of machine-made woodcarvings — "so good I have a hard time deciding if they're made by hand or machine" — is the greatest threat to the future of the time-honored craft which has been practiced in most countries since the dawn of civilization.



WOOD-CARVER Fichter carving a cow.

Innocent man spends nine years in prison

By Philip Hager

OAKLAND, California (LAT) — After nine years in prison, Aaron Lee Owens was released recently a free man — belatedly cleared of a double murder that prosecutors say he did not commit. "My life has been crime — but I never committed a murder," Owens said after leaving a packed courtroom here. "Am I bitter? Yes, I am... but I'm not mad at any particular people. I'm disappointed in the system."

The 37-year-old admitted Owens did express gratitude to a former Alameda county prosecutor — who had won his conviction in 1972 — and a county investigator who together had reopened the case and found enough evidence to absolve him of the murders. Both, he said, were "good men."

But he added: "This never would have happened if those people had done their jobs properly in the first place... all these years, all the evidence was there to prove my innocence."

After his release, Owens was surrounded and embraced by family members. Smiling, he brushed tears from the cheek of his mother, Gladys Owens. When Owens was asked where he was at the time of the crime, Mrs. Owens interjected to say: "He was at my house bringing me mother's day flowers."

Moments before, after a 40-minute hearing, Superior Court Judge Alan Lindsay, who had presided at Owens' trial, ordered the judgment against Owens vacated and the charges dismissed. Prosecuting authorities had moved for the action, saying they now were convinced of Owens' innocence.

"If you were wrongly convicted, we can't repay your loss," Lindsay told Owens. "Human institutions, like human beings, fall far short of perfection... but we can take some pride that the same system that convicted you has set you free. We can be grateful that there is a second chance in a free and secure country."

California law allows persons wrongly imprisoned to file a claim with the State Board of Control. The maximum allowable claim is \$10,000. The money must be appropriated by the legislature.

According to authorities here, Owens' murder conviction resulted from a fateful combination of coincidence, mistaken identification and perjured trial testimony.

Owens and Glenn Bailey were charged with the May 1972 murder of an Oakland man and woman in what police believed were drug-related killings.

Owens said he was innocent. But at the trial, the only apparent eyewitness to the murders identified Owens and Bailey as the killers. A florist, whom Owens said sold him flowers at the same time as the killings, could not remember him. And Owens never testified in his own behalf, fearing it would be disclosed that at one time he had possessed the same kind of sawed-off shotgun that was used in the execution-style murders.

The jury deliberated only briefly before deciding to convict Bailey. But it took five days to decide Owens also was guilty. Owens and Bailey were sentenced to life terms.

Owens went on to serve six years in the Folsom State Prison and then was transferred to San Quentin. All the while, he maintained his innocence. The first time he'd ever seen Bailey was when he was brought to the jail by authorities upon arrest, Owens said.

A phone call made from Bailey's motel room to Owens' residence was not for Owens but an attempt to find a friend of Bailey's, Owens said.

Finally, according to authorities, a break in the case came in 1979 when Bailey, at a parole hearing, admitted his own involvement in the murders but said that Owens was not his partner in crime. Nonetheless, he refused to name the actual killer.

A year later, Bailey indicated he would talk in detail about the crime and identify his confederate. At that time, John Taylor, the prosecutor who had since gone into private practice, was reinstated as a temporary deputy district attorney. And Taylor and Inspector Don McWilliams of the district attorney's office began the laborious task of re-examining the case, pursuing now leads they had been provided.

Subsequently, Taylor and McWilliams found that the man named by Bailey as the actual partner in crime — a man not yet identified by authorities — bore an uncanny facial and physical resemblance to Owens. The similarities apparently confused the key witness against Owens. The investigators also concluded that another witness against Owens — a woman they would not identify — had committed perjury to protect her own

apparent involvement in the case.

There were several coincidences in the case that had hurt Owens, Taylor and McWilliams noted. For example, two witnesses who had been called for the purpose of identifying Bailey also happened to recognize Owens — thus suggesting to jurors a connection between the two defendants.

Now authorities were ready to move to free Owens. They have not named and apparently have not apprehended the man they believe actually joined Bailey in the killings years ago. But Owens, they said, was innocent. The hearing before Judge Lindsay took place before a capacity audience in a small second floor courtroom in downtown Oakland. The proceedings were televised and still photographers, some standing on chairs, clicked away on their cameras.

Asst. district attorney Donald Whyte moved for dismissal of the charges against Owens. Then Judge Lindsay, taking note of what he called Owens' "multi-page rap sheet" — listing previous brushes with the law — briefly reviewed Owens' background,

including references to 13 aliases he had allegedly used over the years.

Owens, dressed in a black leather jacket and pressed blue jeans, sat at a table, patiently and courteously answering questions. He was not represented by an attorney.

Lindsay praised the district attorney's office for its efforts in reinvestigating the case, saying it was performing in the tradition established decades ago when Earl Warren — later to become Governor of California and chief justice of the United States — headed the office.

Then the judge dismissed the case. "Owens," he said, "you can be excused." Owens, smiling and appearing slightly overwhelmed, walked over and shook hands with prosecutor Whyte, who wished him good luck. He turned, shook hands with Lindsay and then headed for the door, toward his mother, wife Barbara and two teen-age children. "I don't know what to think," he told bystanders. "It's going to take awhile for this to sink in."

Art display to aid students

By John Barrows

LONDON (LPS) — Works of art from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon and Iraq are included in a London exhibition which is fostering interest in artists from other countries and at the same time raising money to help overseas students to study in Britain.

Sponsored by the Third World Foundation, the exhibition at the London School of Economics (LSE) features paintings, sculptures and other works by artists from more than 40 countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Middle East.

All the artists have donated their works to be sold in aid of the LSE 1980s Fund which aims to raise at least £2 million to finance during the present decade some 1,000 students from the developing countries qualified to study at the LSE but without the means to meet the full cost. Nearly £1 million has already been given or promised to the fund.

English artists and well-wishers are supporting the event by donating paintings and other objects d'art for auction. A first sale, which included items given from their personal collections by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Commonwealth Secretary-General Sir Shridath Ramphal, has already yielded several thousands of pounds.

The many backers of the exhibition, who include the Commonwealth Institute, the British Council and embassies and high commission in London, intend that the generosity of the artists in donating their works should not go unrewarded. As well as providing many of them with their first opportunity to show their talents to the Western art world, it is hoped they will benefit financially from a further exhibition to be staged at London University later this week.

This show will enable the artists to display and sell their works for their own profit, if they so wish.

PROFIT FROM AUSTRALIAN MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

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Industrial waste compactors with complementary attachments are available. The mobile garbage carts and medium sized compactors are for use in high-rise developments, hospitals and institutions. In the heavier range there are compactors for waste displacement in heavy industrial areas. Most of the company's waste disposal systems are made to order. Mobile rubbish collection carts are made in polyethylene with tyres of neoprene and a galvanised steel tube frame. Load capacity is 100 kg. The carts stand 91 cm high, weigh 26 kg and are 119 cm long. For safety purposes, the range is produced in bright colours.



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SAFETY TREAD FOR STAIRS

A safety tread nosing for stairs which provides a non-slip surface over the front edge of each step making it safe for walking and protecting the step from damage. A silicon carbide mineral granule compound is incorporated in the manufacture. The compound is clad in an aluminium extrusion which can be surface mounted, rebated, cast-in with an extruded anchor or wing anchors. Extensive use can be made in renovation work especially with worn, damaged or steep stairways. For large building projects a special two-piece nosing is available. In paving requiring the use of strips to make walking safe, anti-slip nail bars may be used.

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4 parties rescinded

S. Korean assembly to meet on April 11

SEOUL, March 30 (AP) — South Korea's new National Assembly will be convened on April 11 for its inaugural session, officials said Monday. The session, which will elect a speaker and two vice speakers, is expected to last three or four days.

Park Kyung-Suk, spokesman for the government's Democratic Justice Party, said that in its opening session the assembly also will pick chairmen for 13 standing committees and assign lawmakers to international par-

liamentary associations. This will include a delegation to the general assembly of the inter-parliamentary union to open in Manila on April 20.

In elections last Wednesday, the Democratic Justice Party led by President Chun Doo-Hwan won 151 seats, more than enough to control the 276-member assembly. The old parliament was dissolved when a new constitution was enacted last October.

The central election management committee announced, meanwhile, that the registrations of four minor parties has been rescinded because they failed to gain at least two per cent of the eligible popular vote in Wednesday's balloting, as required by law. They are the Socialist Party, the Wonul Minlip Party, the Unification Farmers' Party and the Christian Democratic Party. A total of 12 parties contested the elections.

In another development, government sources said four new cabinet posts are expected to be filled this week by Chun. They include a minister for labor affairs and three ministers for political affairs.

Chiang predicts disintegration of Communists

TAIPEI, March 30 (AFP) — President Chiang Ching-kuo said here Sunday the Chinese Communists are "at the end of their road." In an opening address to the 12th national congress of the ruling Kuomintang (Nationalist Party), he said the Communist world is destined for disintegration, and the process was sure to begin with Peking.

"This," he said, "is not only because the Communist system runs counter to rationality and humanity, but also because the Chinese Communist regime has totally betrayed Chinese culture and deviated from Chinese tradition. It will never be accepted by the Chinese people."

He added: "We must make clear that there are no other choices or short cuts in our anti-Communist undertakings. We shall, for example, never consider trying to strike at the Chinese Communist regime by collaborating with Russia."

3 die in bomb blast

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, March 30 (AFP) — Three South African soldiers were killed and six were injured when a mortar bomb exploded by accident in a military camp here overnight, a military spokesman said Sunday. Three of the injured were in a serious condition, the spokesman added.

The spokesman gave no details of the circumstances of the accident, which took place at a camp for the first South African parachute battalion, in this Orange Free State city.

Indian dies in rioting

NEW DELHI, March 30 (AP) — Authorities clamped an indefinite curfew on Godhra town in India's Gujarat state Sunday after one person was burned to death in communal riots, the United News of India reported.

Paramilitary troops opened fire to quell large-scale acts of rioting and arson, wounding at least six persons, the agency quoted local officials as saying. Additional police units were rushed to the town from other parts of the western state, the report said. Rioters set ablaze several shops and houses in Godhra. A man trapped in a shop was burned to death, UNI said.

Student-police clashes were also reported from two other state towns, Mehsana and curfew-bound Nadiad, the agency said. Dozens of people have died since Gujarat youths, led by medical students, began protesting nearly two months ago against the practice of reserving places in educational institutions for Hindu outcasts and tribal members. Talks between student and government leaders to end the violent agitation broke down Saturday in new Delhi.



(AP wirephoto) WAITING FOR CUSTOMER: A 76-year-old rickshaw rider, probably the oldest man in the trade in Kuala Lumpur, enjoys a smoke atop his vehicle as he waits for a customer in the downtown market area. There are now only some 160 rickshaw riders in the Malaysian capital, mostly in the market area where they earn their living by fetching vegetables, fish, meat and sundry goods for merchants.

U.S. may help defend Pretoria, says SWAPO

LISBON, March 30 (R) — The SWAPO liberation movement fighting for the independence of Namibia (Southwest Africa) has said the United States might help South Africa to set up a rapid deployment force of its own. The official Angolan news agency ANGOP quoted a statement of the South-west African People's organization issued in Luanda as saying Washington was studying plans to train and equip a military force.

SWAPO said a South African military mission recently met Pentagon officials in Washington as part of the plan. The statement said the South African mission was led

by Lt. Gen. P.W. Van Der Westhuize, Pretoria's military intelligence chief, whose meeting with the U.S. envoy to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick, earlier this month provoked anger in black Africa. The statement said President Ronald Reagan's moves to remove the legal obstacles barring his administration from aiding Angolan freedom movements could lead to these movements being incorporated in a South African rapid deployment force.

SWAPO said the Reagan administration was pinning its hopes on a forthcoming visit to Washington by South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha to step up support

Newsmen barred

Insecurity growing throughout Kampuchea

PHNOM PENH, March 30 (AFP) — Insecurity has been growing throughout Kampuchea this year, to judge from the reasons given by the authorities to prevent foreign pressmen and representatives of international agencies visiting the provinces. Initially forbidden zones included the Kampuchean frontier with Thailand because of Khmer Rouge infiltration, and with the traditionally "turbulent" northwest frontier with Laos and its eastern frontier with Vietnam.

Other zones have been declared off limits "for reasons of security, because the roads are dangerous," despite the presence in the country of between 180,000 and 200,000 Vietnamese troops. This month it was no longer possible to visit the provinces of Kompong Thom, Kratie, Kompong Cham (central east), Takeo, Kampot (southern frontier with Vietnam) and even the main highway between Phnom Penh and Kompong Som (southwest of the capital) — the country's only deep-water port — which is described as "very dangerous."

Last December a Soviet bus was ambushed and two passengers were killed and several others wounded.

According to the authorities themselves, over half the country, especially north of Tpkheisap and the Great Central Lake, is "insecure." It is obvious that in an electoral period — communal elections this month and probably legislative elections next month — the authorities fear spectacular attacks and guerrilla operations.

But it seems unlikely, according to observers here, that the authorities would invoke insecurity as their reason to stop Westerners traveling about unless it was true. It can, however, be confirmed that traffic along the vital route between the capital and its port Kompong Som could be made only in convoys with heavy army protection.

On Jan. 23 an official of an international organization was in Siem Reap province, near the Thai frontier, where he saw traces of a recent ambush — mainly burned-out vehicles. He had intended to visit the provincial hospital, but permission that day was refused. This month, on the night of March 14, shooting broke out for 45 minutes in the vicinity of Hotel Samaki (formerly Hotel Royal) where most officials of international organizations are living.

The explanation given by the authorities was that the army was fighting against "bandits trying to steal." The vice president of the municipality of Phnom Penh confirmed this version of the incident to AFP, adding that there were "on the average two such incidents monthly." He also admitted that pamphlets criticizing the government and the presence of Vietnamese troops in the country were sometimes distributed. He stressed that "the people denounced these troublemakers

and handed them over to the authorities."

A visit to the palace of Angkor in Siem Reap province, 300 kms north of Phnom Penh, is in principle limited to the mausoleum of Angkor-Vat where Kampuchea and Vietnamese troops are stationed. The authorities permitted this correspondent to visit a small part of the royal city of Angkor-Thom. A provincial official said the site was "dangerous" owing to the "presence of mines."

But Phnom Penh this month did not in any way have the aspect of a besieged city — quite the contrary.

Sihanouk refuses to return home

PEKING, March 30 (AP) — Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Kampuchea says Thailand has granted him passage to his homeland but he refuses to return until he forges a united front to expel the Vietnamese from Kampuchea. The former head of state said that he and Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan failed to negotiate a united front in their first round of talks this month in Pyongyang.

He made the comments in a telegram to Bangkok, with a copy received Monday by the Associated Press in Peking. Sihanouk, currently living in Pyongyang, said the talks with the Khmer Rouge failed because they rejected his proposal that they put down their arms if the Vietnamese withdraw. Sihanouk has said for months that he wants to return to Kampuchea if Thailand permits him passage. He said he is grateful the Thai government approved his travel but said, "I will not go to Kampuchea if I don't succeed in forming a united front."

The prince said he will continue talks with the Khmer Rouge in order to receive Chinese military aid for his supporters who are fighting the Vietnamese. Sihanouk said he plans to return to Peking around April 20, then go to Paris in June and stay indefinitely on a private, non-political visit.

"I will not have any political dealings with France," he said in his telegram. The prince said he supports anti-Communist leader Son Sann and other Kampuchean who are fighting the Vietnamese. Son Sann did not attend the Pyongyang talks.

The prince also said Kampuchea's seat at the United Nations should be left vacant "since the Khmer Rouge are rejected by the Khmer people and the (Vietnam-installed) Heng Samrin regime represents only Vietnam and not Kampuchea."

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Haig seeking allies' consensus

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — Expressing satisfaction with relations between the United States and its European allies, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. has said the U.S. government is seeking to develop a "consensus of concern" on common security problems.

"Our relations with our western European partners have never been as good or promising as they are today," Haig said Sunday.

Interviewed on television, he said there is a "total convergence of views."

Haig was asked to comment on recent remarks by U.S. National Security Adviser Richard V. Allen that pacifist sentiments have become a problem in some European nations. Haig said the United States has some of those same problems, but indicated less concern over pacifist sentiment than Allen had indicated.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the United States hasn't undertaken any actions that would violate the provisions of the unratified SALT II arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union, which the administration has rejected. He said none of the military spending in the fiscal 1981 or 1982 budgets "would violate provisions of that agreement had it been ratified."

In Tokyo, declaring that "deterrence is the only way to peace," former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford said Monday he has been trying to convince some American allies in Europe that they cannot rely on weapons systems developed 25 years ago to combat a growing Soviet global threat.

"It is true that some of our NATO allies are not as aggressive in support of U.S. policy in Western Europe as we would wish," Ford said, adding that he sensed some European leaders are "swallowing the Soviet line" at a time when Moscow has a significant edge over the United States in manpower and weaponry.

Ford addressed a meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce on the fourth day of a five-day visit to Japan — the last leg of an 11-nation swing that included France and West Germany. He is traveling as a businessman and personal emissary of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and his remarks were taken as mirroring official White House foreign policy.

Although his tour is termed private, Ford has used it to deliver personal messages from Reagan to national leaders and to comment on such questions as Soviet intentions toward Poland, U.S.-China relations and Reagan's domestic policies. He was expected to continue this theme with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

He said there is a "growing movement toward semi-pacifism" in parts of Europe, reflected in those countries which do not want the neutron warhead on their territory. But overall, he said, Europe is "very pleased" at the new direction in U.S. foreign policy.

He said he had cautioned U.S. allies in Europe that they "cannot depend on weapons developed 25 years ago," but must establish the capability to deter the Soviet Union.

Ford said the United States would be willing to sit down at the bargaining table with the Soviets — presumably to discuss arms limitations, although he did not say so — only when the United States has military parity with Moscow.

Asked to comment on his stopover in China, Ford replied that the outlook for U.S.-Sino relations is good. "My feeling is that both countries recognize the importance of good relations. In order to face the broad global threat, the normalization process must be straighter in the future," he said.

On Soviet terrorism

CIA wrong, Weinberger says

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP) — There is good evidence that the Soviet Union is indeed behind international terrorism and to say the CIA thinks otherwise is "quite wrong," according to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

A draft CIA report circulating in Washington "wrongly disagrees" with the Reagan administration's conclusion that Russia is a key supporter of international terrorism, government sources revealed over the weekend.

Asked about the document Sunday on the television program "Issues and Answers," Weinberger said it was a "very preliminary draft of the thinking of some of the people (in the CIA). It has specifically not been issued, and it doesn't constitute the final judgment of the CIA."

"I myself have no doubt that there is good, clear evidence that the Soviets have

been participating in the training and in the equipping of groups that, for want of a better term, can be called terrorist groups...It's really a question of degree, whether all of the evidence is supportive or whether only some of it is supportive," the secretary said.

The sources who disclosed the existence of the CIA's draft National Intelligence Estimate said it concluded there was "circumstantial evidence" of Soviet backing of terrorism but not enough "credible evidence." The draft, according to one source, contained the contrary opinion of the Defense Intelligence Agency that "the Soviets are in it up to their necks."

Weinberger asserted, "any suggestion that the CIA has found that the Soviets are not behind the training, equipping and encouraging of international terrorism would not only be very premature, it would be quite wrong."

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JAVA, (AFP) — Mount Semeru volcano in East Java erupted over the weekend, sending streams of lava into nearby villages and setting fire to a jungle on the mountain flanks, it was announced here Monday. Several villages were evacuated ahead of the lava flows and no deaths were reported. An official said Monday that the jungle fires had driven tigers to take temporary refuge in some villages.

THE HAGUE, (R) — The Dutch Meteorological Institute (KNMI) said Monday it recorded an underground nuclear explosion Sunday at the Soviet testing grounds at Semipalatinsk in western Siberia. A KNMI spokesman said the explosion occurred at 03.04 GMT and measured 5.3 on the Richter Scale.

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, (AFP) — A would-be suicide Luigi Giardin, aged 45, lit his last cigarette here Sunday — and saved his life. After turning on the gas of the kitchen stove to kill himself, Giardin grew bored with waiting and lit a cigarette. The resulting explosion put him in hospital, bruised and in a state of shock, but alive.

COPENHAGEN, (AP) — Police were without clues Monday to the identity of a vandal who slashed a Pablo Picasso painting valued at about \$300,000 at the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art at Humlebaek north of here. Nearly 4,000 came Sunday, many to see the slashed painting. But it was removed from the exhibition pending shipment to Paris for repairs.

POINT MUGU, California, (AFP) — A "Tomahawk" missile launched underwater succeeded in hitting a land target 480 kms away, the United States Navy announced Monday. "Tomahawk" cruise missiles, capable of subsonic flights hugging ground contours at low altitude, had previously been tested only from air to land and sea to sea.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The crew of Soyuz-39, Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Janibekov and his Mongolian colleague Jugderdemidin Gurragcha returned safely to earth Monday, Tass news agency reported. "The space flight of the Soviet-Mongolian team was carried out successfully," it reported, and the two cosmonauts were in good health. They were launched into orbit March 22.



STEPPING INTO FREEDOM: Some of the 49 hostages of the hijacked Honduran Sabena plane step out free at the Tocumen international airport, Panama, Saturday night.

Hondurans refuse to free aliens

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, March 30 (AP) — The military government of Honduras apparently does not plan to free 15 jailed members of the Salvadoran and Honduran liberating forces reportedly promised to the hijackers of a Honduran airliner before they surrendered in Panama.

"The army isn't planning on letting any leftist guerrillas leave for Panama," Maj. Julian Armando Pavon, the armed forces spokesman, said Sunday. He added that the government has no plans for deportations of any kind.

The government in a statement Saturday promised the eventual release of an unspecified number of "common foreign delinquents" held on arms smuggling charges. This was considered a reference to the 13 Salvadorans and two Hondurans whose release was demanded by the hijackers on the New Orleans-bound Honduran jetliner.

The hijackers, three men and a woman, who said they were members of a hitherto unknown Honduran freedom group, surrendered in Panama Saturday night after nearly a day of negotiations with the Panamanian ambassador in Nicaragua, the plane's first stop after it was seized Friday.

The 50 hostages were freed in good condition and flown back to Honduras. Meanwhile, Panama asked Cuba to grant political asylum to the hijackers and the 15 prisoners. On Sunday, Panama's Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying Honduras had released the 15 and would deport them later in the day. It said they included Salvadoran liberation leader Facundo Guardado.

Honduran Foreign Minister Cesar Elvir Sierra denied anyone had been released and said his government had repeatedly denied it was holding Guardado.

14 passengers killed in Philippines ambush

MANILA, March 30 (AP) — Fourteen civilians were killed and 14 others wounded when unidentified armed men ambushed a passenger mini-bus in the violence-torn southern Philippines, the Philippine Constabulary said Monday.

Two other passengers of the vehicle were reported missing after the incident, which occurred at noon Saturday in Sultan Kudarat province, 928 kms southeast of Manila, a constabulary spokesman said. He added that a delayed military field report gave no further details of the ambush.

Bandits and Communist insurgents are known to operate in the province Philippines' second largest island.

Powell's race speech condemned

BIRMINGHAM, March 30 (AP) — Right-wing legislator Enoch Powell has been accused by a senior opposition Labor Party spokesman of inciting racial violence with a weekend speech predicting civil war unless Britain repatriated non-white immigrants.

Powell, who gained national prominence in 1968 by declaring that racial violence would turn British cities into "rivers of blood," returned to the attack at his most virulent Saturday.

Labor's spokesman on home affairs, Roy Hattersley, said in this Midlands city "with a high immigrant population that Powell had made a 'foul speech.' He has provided a spurious justification for those paranoid boogymen who look for excuses to harass and attack the ethnic minorities," said Hattersley. He said that instead of reducing the risk of violence in this country, Powell's speech is bound to increase the dangers of racial conflicts.

Hattersley added: "When he talks of immigration, he is talking of the departure of families who were born here...They are legally British, black British, but no less British for that."

Powell was fired from his job as health minister in Edward Heath's Conservative

government after his 1968 speech and now represents a district in Northern Ireland.

Leaders of the 1.9 million non-whites in this nation of 56 million people condemned Saturday Powell's latest hard-line speech as "provocative and inflammatory."

Hattersley, accusing Powell of using Nazi-style "Munich beer hall" language, said "primary immigration, the immigration of men workers who then apply to bring in wives and children or fiancées, had virtually ceased."

"The increase in numbers of which Mr. Powell speaks with such horror is the result not of entry into this country, but of births within this country," said Hattersley. Powell's speech came amid instances of renewed race tensions.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw banned all political marches in four cities, including London, this month to stop planned demonstrations by the neo-Nazi National Front.

Last month, violence erupted during a march through central London by some 6,000 blacks protesting the deaths of 13 young blacks during a fire in a West Indian home in the capital's Deptford district. Some blacks believe the fire was set by whites, and accused the police of being unconcerned.

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'Courting disaster'

Economists indict Thatcher's policies

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Britain's top economists fiercely criticized Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's economic strategy Monday and warned that her policies were ruining this country and threatening political upheaval.

"The time has come to reject monetarist policies and consider urgently which alternative offers the best hope of sustained economic recovery," 364 economists declared in a unprecedented public statement.

They stressed that "present policies will deepen the depression, erode the industrial base of our economy and threaten its social and political stability." The declaration, sent to Mrs. Thatcher and Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, was one of the most powerful indictments of the economic policies of any British government since World War II.

The *Financial Times*, Britain's respected business daily, termed the economists' move "a powerful and unprecedented attack" on Mrs. Thatcher's tight-fisted monetarist policy.

There was no immediate comment from government officials. But Mrs. Thatcher made clear during the weekend that she will be not deflected from her controversial strategy to revive the economy by making Britain's long-flabby industry more efficient.

"This is the road I am resolved to follow," she declared in a defiant speech Saturday night in Cardiff. "This is the path I must go."

The signatories of the economists' statement read like a who's who of Britain's economic community. They included five former chief economic advisers to the government, 76 professors, and the president and nine vice-presidents of the Royal

Economic Society, the main body for Akademik Economists. It reflected increasing alarm across the country, among industrialists as well as labor union leaders, that Mrs. Thatcher's tight-fisted monetarist policies are worsening Britain's economic malaise rather than curing it.

The annual rate of inflation has been cut to about 12 per cent, but unemployment last month reached 2.38 million, or 9.9 per cent of the workforce. The Federation of British Industry (FBI), Britain's main employers' organization, said more than 7,000 firms have been forced to close by the government's tight money policy and high interest rates.

The CBI, the voice of big business, warned in a report issued Monday that the decline in Britain's recession-battered industry will continue at least until next year. The report, in sharp contrast to government claims that the recession has just about bottomed out, blamed Howe's harsh, deflationary budget two weeks ago that ignored appeals for moderation and hefty boost for industry.

The economists questioned the whole basis of the Conservative government's much-criticized policy and warned: "We... are convinced that... there is no basis in economic theory or supporting evidence for the government's belief that by deflating demand they will bring inflation permanently under control and thereby induce an automatic recovery in output and employment."

The statement was organized by Professors Robert Neild and Frank Hahn of Cambridge University. Thirty-six British universities, including Oxford and the influential London School of Economics, were represented among the signatories.

Decontrol gets mixed reaction in U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — To the delight of businessmen and the despair of ecologists, union leaders and consumer organizations, President Ronald Reagan has held to his promise to decontrol prices in several sectors.

The president believes that his onslaught against the bureaucracy of price controls in private enterprise comes under his election mandate. While his foreign policy puts national defense before human rights, his domestic policy puts industrial growth before protection of the environment, of consumers, of minority interests and of the improvement of working conditions.

During the election campaign Reagan attacked the ills of state intervention which he blamed for discouraging productivity and increasing production costs. The operation of the economy is controlled by some 40 federal agencies, including a commission for federal commerce and an environmental protection agency.

The first of these bodies was created under President Franklin Roosevelt's new deal policy, and in 1980 they issued 7,900 new regu-

lations filling 74,120 pages of the official federal register.

The president repeated during the election that these regulations cost the economy \$100,000 million a year as well as boosting inflation. His main economic adviser Murray Weidenbaum puts the cost in 1980 even higher, at \$126,000 million.

On attaining power the president suspended application of all the new regulations introduced by the previous administration after the election. He then appointed Vice-President George Bush at the head of an inter-ministerial committee responsible for the progressive elimination of all regulations which cost more than they were worth.

But this policy has become a matter of even greater controversy between conservatives and liberals than the granting of military aid to El Salvador. For example, the administration wants to lift bans on the extraction of offshore gas and oil in two areas off the California coast in a marine reserve.

Such a policy is good for the oil companies and for U.S. energy independence.



OVER ONE THOUSAND: This was the scene on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange last week as the market climbed past the 1,000 level in the Dow Jones industrial average.

Unemployment growing Problems of the 'poor' confronts France

PARIS, March 30 (AFP) — A government report on poverty in France states that there are about 2,500,000 poverty-stricken and under-privileged people in France, or about five per cent of the population.

The "Obeir" report pointed out that the word "poverty" usually has a statistical meaning, in which case there were 4,800,000 "poor" people in France because they earned less than 40 per cent of the national average wage. They included a large proportion of heads of families aged from 45-65 years of age, as well as bachelors, workers and big families.

But France like all industrial states faces the new problem of long-term unemployment, especially for men over 45 who are

UNCTAD talks begin in Vienna

VIENNA, March 30 (AP) — One of Asia's poorest nations Monday opened a dialogue on economic aid programs with some 50 representatives of prospective donor nations.

The conference, sponsored by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, (UNCTAD), was opened by UNCTAD Secretary General Gamani Corea from Sri Lanka. Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky attended.

A Korean representative said the preparatory conference gave the underdeveloped nations an opportunity to approach the prospective donors with a list of what they think they will need during the next ten years.

Developing nations attending the Vienna conference were Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Laos, North and South Yemen, Nepal, the Maldives Islands and Samoa. Other preparatory conferences will be held later in Addis Ababa, Geneva, Switzerland, and The Hague.

The gathering is the first of a series of four regional conferences leading to a United Nations meeting on restructuring the world's 30 least developed countries, slated for September in Paris. The series is designed to give the world's 30 poorest countries an opportunity to present their estimated development needs for the next 10 years to prospective donors, organizers of the gathering say.

listed as being in a "precarious financial state bordering on poverty". In addition, there are young adults unable to fit into modern society.

There is a further criterion of poverty — the poorly educated. One-third of school leavers hold no diplomas at all, and many are in fact illiterate. The report urged a nationwide campaign to combat illiteracy. It estimated that there are about 500,000 people living in slums and inequality between living standards has increased between 1955-71.

Leading French charity organizations like the "L'Armee du Salut" salvation army, and "Le Secours Catholique" (Catholic aid) which aid the extremely poor in France claim there are 2,500,000 of them, cut off from normal society or dropouts.

The French government has wiped out certain pockets of poverty by granting special facilities and subsidies to the aged, handicapped, widows and low-salaried employees.

The report, which included the conditions

of foreign immigrants, covers only France and leaves out conditions in French overseas territories and dependencies. It warned that the French social services with its budget of 64,000 million francs (\$13,000 million) and staff of 100,000 must be careful not to "segregate" the poor or give them the "mentality of assisted people."

It criticized the labyrinthine social bureaucracy with its "compartmentalized" groups — family, illness, allowances, unemployment, pensions. Additional sources of the poor included alcoholism and children who are uncared for. A large section of the "poor" includes second generation immigrants totaling about 1,200,000, regarded as having special problems.

The report made 60 short and long-term suggestions to improve the lot of the poor in France, including a minimum revenue or "social subsidy," possibly financed by extra taxes on gambling or on external signs of wealth like cars, yachts and planes.

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Monday. The plan was worked out by John Bagshaw who was formally with General Motors Holden in Australia and spent some time in Detroit before joining Vauxhall in Britain, the paper said.

MILAN, (R) — Montedison, Italy's largest chemical group, has said an exploratory well in Italian territorial waters some 15 miles south-east of Sicily was producing 3,500 barrels of oil per day.

LIMA, (R) Peru has signed its first contract under the new tax system Thursday with superior oil, a U.S.-based company which was granted a 30-year concession in the northeastern jungle, official sources reported.

They said Petroperu, the government oil company, did not have the money or technical ability to undertake a nationwide search for oil.

LONDON, (AFP) — International Computers Limited (ICL) Monday denied stock exchange rumors that it might be bought up by a foreign company for about £100 million. A spokesman for West Europe's biggest computer firm said rumors of this kind had been circulating for weeks.

Kuwait lends Hungary \$150 million

KUWAIT, March 30 (AP) — The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) and the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) are leading a \$150 million loan in favor of the National Bank of Hungary, a KFTCIC statement said Monday.

The loan is to muster funds for investment in a variety of export-oriented industries—engineering, chemical, agricultural and food processing industries—in the East European country, said the statement.

The loan will be initially for four and a half years, but the borrower has been given the option to extend two thirds of the loan for an additional three and a half years, it said.

The loan carries an interest rate with a margin of 0.625 per cent over the London interbank offered rate (libor) for three to six months' deposit in U.S. dollars, according to the statement.

The Libya Arab Foreign Bank, the Tokyo Trust and Banking Company, the Banque Intercontinentale, the Arab-Gulf Riyadh Bank, Al Saudi Bank (London branch), the Yasuda Trust and Banking Company are to serve as co-manager for the Hungarian loan, said the statement. It added: "a number of Arab and affiliated banks will act as participants in the loan management."

Airlines staff strike halts flights in Greece

ATHENS, March 30 (AP) — Employees of Greece's national air carrier, Olympic Airways, began a 24-hour strike Monday, halting all the line's international flights and most domestic routes.

The strikers are demanding the settling of administrative differences with the company, which they claim are detrimental to their jobs. A spokesman for the Aviation Employees' Confederation said about 95 per cent of the group's 6,000 members had responded to the strike call.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	—	8.91
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.00	107.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	158.00	159.00	158.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	—	143.20
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.30
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.25	91.45
French Franc (100)	67.00	67.50	67.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.30
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.60
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	—	32.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.80	—	15.95
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.50	10.44
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.22
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.75	84.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.50	72.15
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	—	7.46	7.55
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	92.30
Singapore Dollar	—	—	160.55
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	39.10
Swiss Franc (100)	173.00	175.00	173.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	55.40
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.33
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	73.45

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Ministry of Education	Construction of a 700-person mosque at the Physical Training Institute, Riyadh	3/M	2000	12.5.81
Ministry of Communications	Construction and pavement of 9.835-kms. lane leading to the Radio Reception Stations	—	500	25.4.81
Ministry of Education	Supply of chemical and medical requirements for the year 1401/1402	1/T	150	30.5.81

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
5.	Kota Agung	Bamaodah	Sugar	26.3.81
6.	Baron Parntland	Bamaodah	Barley	22.3.81
7.	Gherenuk	S.N.L.	Contra/Gen/Trucks	29.3.81
8.	Interactivity	Fayez	Barley	28.3.81
15.	Boah	O.C.E.	Contra/General	28.3.81
20.	Marien	Redpas	Barley	27.3.81
21.	Maldive Pledge	Oc/Trade	Sorghum	17.3.81
22.	Char Hang	Abdallah	Gen/Steel/Timber	27.3.81
23.	Odysseus	Rolaco	Cement	21.3.81
25.	Golden Saudia	El Hawi	Contra/Steel/Tiles	29.3.81
27.	Hilco Speedstar	Star	Reefer	28.3.81
28.	Jalagovind	S.C.S.A.	Barley	27.3.81
38.	Kitano Maru	Alireza	Containers	28.3.81
38.	Zunhua	Orri	Gen/Foodstuffs	28.3.81
39.	El Vina	Fayez	Durra/Melon Seeds	28.3.81
42.	Alessiri	Mofanij	Barley	28.3.81

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:				
Gherenuk	S.N.L.	Contra/Gen/Trucks	29.3.81	
Ibn Al Suwaidi	Kanoo	Containers	29.3.81	
Alasca	O.C.E.	Reefer	29.3.81	
Viki K	Star	Tiles	29.3.81	
Toki Arrow	Aisabah	Bulk Cement	30.3.81	
Ilan	Star	General	30.3.81	
Rigolotto	Kanoo	Vehicles	30.3.81	
Pioneer Leader	Ansoo	Vehicles	30.3.81	

3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS:				
Aida	Star	Tiles/Asbestos	30.3.81	
Hellenic Pioneer	Alpha	Wheat/Flour/Reefer	30.3.81	
Sinno Me II	Star	Bagged Durra	30.3.81	
Med Freszer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	30.3.81	
Papagayo Universai	Star	Fruits	30.3.81	
Pelagos	M.T.A.	Containers	30.3.81	
Grigory Petrenko	A.E.T.	Containers	30.3.81	
Alecos	Star	Fertilised Tiles	30.3.81	

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1.	Mount Olympus	Gulf	Bulk Barley	12.2.81
2.	UNI Europe	Kanoo	Steel Pipes	28.3.81
5.	Hijaz	Kanoo	General	29.3.81
8.	Robin Hood	UEP	Gen/Rico	27.3.81
9.	Lamma Island	UEP	General	29.3.81
10.	Dicto	Kanoo	Gen/Contra	28.3.81
11.	Gulf Falcon	Barber	General	29.3.81
13.	Gloria Peer	AET	Gen/Contra	28.3.81
17.	Yee Yung	Orri	General	30.3.81
24.	Charlotte Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	28.3.81
27.	Aeoline Sea	AET	Barley in Bags	28.3.81
30.	Hapagloyd Triar	Alireza	General	29.3.81
32.	Al Hijazi	Gosabai	Barley in Bags	24.3.81
34.	Amrta-111	OCE	Tea	29.3.81
36.	Van Fort (D.B.)	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	24.3.81
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Greece cuts imports

Japan's car sales touch new high

TOKYO, March 30 (AFP) — Japan's car exports remained high in February, rising 9.1 per cent over a year before to 530,452 units, the highest total for the month, it was announced Monday.

Shipments to South America nearly doubled, while those to Africa rose by 43 per cent, Southeast Asia 36.3 per cent and Oceania 30.5 per cent. Shipments to the Middle East dropped 16.9 per cent.

Official 'bungling'

Chaos hits Polish meat ration

WARSAW, March 30 (AP) — Poland's meat rationing system is "in a muddle," plagued by bureaucracy and double issuance of coupons, before it becomes effective, Warsaw radio has reported.

double coupon distribution was most frequent among people holding two jobs. The report complained that some 500 government-employed inspectors were assigned to investigate the coupon system, adding when the rationing would be in operation, some 6,000 people would be employed to cope with it.

Romania plans 'farm revolution'

BUCHAREST, March 30 (AP) — Romania, the "developing nation" of the Soviet bloc, is suffering stubborn shortages of meat, milk, sugar and other commodities.

agriculture, however, there is speculation that the new revolution may be mere propaganda than practice. Shoppers in Bucharest, the country's capital and best-supplied city, line up in the street for meat. Deliveries of milk are sometimes sold out to crowds directly from the sidewalk.

40 Muslim states begin talks on 'plan of action'

JAKARTA March 30 (R) — Delegates from 40 Muslim countries attended the opening session Monday of the Organization of Islamic Conference's Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

Sugar has joined the list of products in sporadic supply. Even wine, among the country's most renowned products, has disappeared from many shops. The shortages appear to be the result of poor weather last year, inefficiency and inexperience on the state cooperative farms, which control 90 per cent of the farmland, transportation problems and the government's determined export program to bring in badly needed hard cash and pay for foreign oil.

He said the escalation of tension between the superpowers and armed intervention and interference in the internal affairs of small states had undermined efforts to maintain world peace.

EEC steel firms fail to reach agreement

BRUSSELS, March 30 (AFP) — Steel firms of the European Economic Community (EEC) in the Eurofer organization are unable to reach agreement on regulating the steel market by April 1, as urged by the council of ministers, EEC officials said Monday.

On the economic front, he added, "we have reached an impasse in our efforts to establish a new international economic order because the (United Nations) General Assembly has been unable to initiate the successful launching of the global round of negotiations."

in curbing Japanese car imports by suspending the issue of import licences, it was reported here.

The economic newspaper, *Nihon Keizai* said Sunday that the Greek government's action came only three months after Greece joined the community. The paper also said that the Greek government had asked banks not to issue letters of credit to car import dealers.

Japan's exports of cars to Greece totaled 18,800 units last year, up 10.5 per cent over 1979. But the quantity has been increasing steadily since the beginning of this year with the January figure reaching 2,582 units — more than four times the level in January 1980.

There is considerable concern about a "Trojan horse" entry of Japanese manufacturers building cars inside the Common Market frontiers, in Britain and Italy.

Martens urges wage freeze

BRUSSELS, March 30 (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens will pursue his demand for a total freeze on wages for the rest of this year at a cabinet meeting later Monday government sources said.

Cabinet meeting called late Sunday night to discuss changes in Belgium's wage indexation system — which gives automatic pay rises linked to the cost of living — broke up early Monday morning with no conclusion.

The Socialists, partners with Martens' Social Christians in a five-month-old coalition government, have objected to any modification of the existing indexation system.

Government sources said Martens wants to make radical changes in the wage indexation system. European Common Market (EEC) government leaders agreed at a summit last week that excessively rigid wage-rise mechanisms damaged economies by creating built-in inflation.

Financial Roundup

Riyal levels decline

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 30 — Bankers Monday reported that the Saudi riyal deposit levels continued to be depressed — a good news for those contemplating borrowing.

Various factors were attributed to the decline but the prime factor is the dramatic fall in U.S. dollar interest rates from nearly 20 per cent to the present level within two months. The riyal deposit rates were quoted at 10 1/2 — 11 per cent in interbank dealing from Bahrain with the one year averaging at 13 1/2 — 13 3/4 per cent.

that continued from New York Friday closing. The opening and closing European rates were as follows — Sterling 2.2255 (2.2340), mark 2.1255 (2.1215), Swiss franc 1.93 20 (1.9305), yen 212.35 (211.50), French franc 5.01 (5.00 05). Of all the European currencies, the French franc remained the weakest against the dollar and is now at the bottom of the European Monetary System.

In general, the financial markets are still nervous and uncertain about the direction of the American economy with mixed results coming about the health of that economy. On one hand the market receives news of further declines in the American money supply figures (indicating a successful campaign to cut down on the rate of inflation), on the other hand financial analysts still see the major American banks maintain their prime lending rate at levels of 17 or 17.5 per cent indicating banking circles nervousness about the way interest rates might still go.

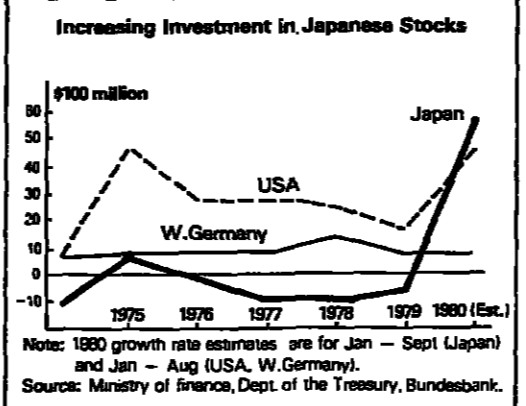
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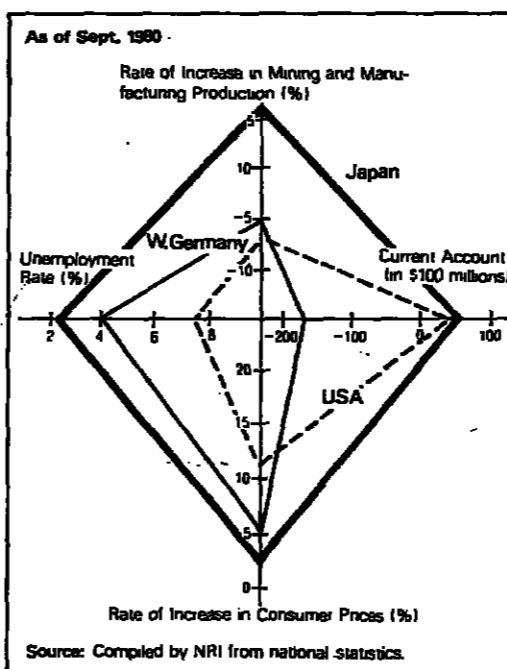
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To down cellar - team Syria

Iraq strikes once in each half

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 30 — Scoring a goal in each half, Iraq prevailed over cellar team Syria 2-1 in their concluding match of the World Cup Soccer Asian Group Two qualify-



HUSSAIN SAID: The normally prolific scorer failed to sparkle.

ing tournament at the Malaz Stadium Monday.

Malaysia struggles

KUALA LUMPUR, March 30 (AFP) — Hosts Malaysia collected their second consecutive win in two outings defeating Zimbabwe 2-1, but it was the Soviet Union who made the big impression in the Intercontinental Cup Hockey Tournament here Monday.

The Soviet Union's form was virtually unknown to the outside world but for the fact that they won the bronze medal in last year's Moscow Olympics, but in a competition which suffered from the boycott.

Their overwhelming win over Japan was a clear warning to other countries taking part in the tournament that they cannot be taken lightly as the Japanese discovered when they were downed 4-0 — the biggest margin of victory in the tournament so far.

Vladislav Mishurnov was the man of the match for the Soviet Union scoring a hat-

trick. Zimbabwe, another country new to international hockey, looked like creating the first upset in the tournament when they took an early lead over Malaysia after 11 minutes.

But the Malaysians showed their fighting spirit, pulled out all the stops and came back to take the game 2-1.

France are looking strong in Group "B" after their 3-0 win over Singapore. For Singapore it was their second defeat and they look to have put themselves out of the running.

Ireland seemed to be coasting home two goals-up when a 59th minute Canadian goal shook them into a fresh flurry of activity. But their resumed onslaught on the Canadian goal did not produce any more goals and they held onto a 2-1 lead.

Meanwhile, in Buenos Aires, West Germany secured a fluent 4-1 victory over Japan.

Muhammad, basically a defender, played in the attack for the last two matches and had the distinction of scoring both the goals that Syria notched in the tournament.

Iraq, however, regained the lead in the 63rd minute through Adil Khudair, who receiving a precise pass from star forward Hussain Said, neatly made his way past a couple of defenders before placing the home. A couple of the Syrian players protested Australian referees Peter Ramley's decision

and one of them had to be shown the yellow card.

Despite the setback, Syria exerted pressure and almost found the equalizer in the 73rd minute, but the ball missed the mark by inches with goalkeeper Hamoudi out of position.

Hosts Saudi Arabia takes on Qatar tomorrow in the crucial match to decide the qualifier.

STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Saudi Arabia	3	3	0	0	4	0	6
Qatar	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Iraq	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Bahrain	4	1	0	3	1	6	2
Syria	4	0	0	4	2	7	0



SEASON'S FIRST: Bernard Hinault grits his teeth as he pedals to glory, Sunday.

Jaeger bows to Martina

NEW YORK, March 30 (AFP) — Martina Navratilova of the United States won the final of the Avon's Women's Tennis Championships at Madison Square Garden here Sunday beating compatriot Andrea Jaeger 6-3, 7-6.

The Czech-exile picked up \$300,000 in prize money. Bettina Bunge of West Germany beat her compatriot Silvia Hanika 5-7, 6-4, 3-2 (abandoned) to take third place. Navratilova who was victor in this competition in 1978 and 1979 thrilled the 15,000 spectators with a display of her serve-volley game at its best forcing Jaeger to come to the net herself where she made frequent errors particularly in the first set.

Jaeger came back into the match in the second set and although handicapped by a weak second serve she managed to carry the set into a tie-break.



JIHAD MUHAMMAD: Defender turned attacker, who notched both the goals Syria notched in the tournament.

Hinault pedals to first title

DRAGUIGNAN France, March 30 (AFP) — World champion Bernard Hinault powered ahead in the last kilometers of the final time trial here Sunday to capture the International Criterium Cycling race, his first major victory this season.

The 22-year-old Frenchman put on the speed in the 18.7 kilometers individual trial to finish two seconds ahead of his countryman Jacques Bossis and young Stephen Roche of Ireland.

Hinault, after poor showings in the Oirreno-Adriatico and Milan-San Remo events earlier this season, demonstrated his winning form Saturday as he stormed to take the opening 174.5 kilometers first stage, a full three-lengths ahead of the pack.

The champion, winner here in 1978, said afterwards he "put more into it" than his nearest rival Bossis to assure his victory Sunday.

Bill Rogers triumphs in Pines-Heritage golf

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 30 (AP) — Bill Rogers, under pressure from four men, grimly clung to a one-shot lead over the last four holes and, with a closing, 1-under-par 70, won the Sea Pines-Heritage Classic Sunday.

Rogers, the leader throughout the final round, claimed only the second PGA tour title of his 7-year career with a 278 total, six shots under par on the 6,650-yard Harbour Town Golf Links, a very difficult layout Rogers calls his favorite in the world.

A single shot back at 279 were Hale Irwin, Gil Morgan, Craig Stadler and Australian veteran Bruce Devlin. Devlin and Stadler closed with 67's in the mild, partly-cloudy weather. Morgan and Irwin, playing with Rogers in the final threesome, each shot a 68.

Tom Weiskopf, needing a victory to gain his way into the Masters two weeks away, was next at 282, 2-under par. He had a closing 70.

Floyd Royce, who had a two-tournament winning streak coming into this prestigious event, couldn't get anything going. He matched par 71 on the picturesque course that was hacked out of a low-country swamp and was at 284.

Tom Watson, who has yet to win this season, shot a 70 and finished with a 287. Defending champion Doug Tewell was far, far back at 75-292.

Rogers won \$54,000 from the total purse of \$300,000. But he has won big prizes before, notably in Japan and in the world match play in England. American tour victories, however, have been an elusive thing for the 29-year-old, who is recognized by his peers, the other tourists, as one of the game's more consistent, accurate players. His only previous triumph had come in the 1978 Bob Hope Desert Classic.

Beyond that, his career had been a frustrating series of unsuccessful challenges. He won money consistently, some \$490,000 over the last three years, and set a record of \$230,000 without winning a title in 1979.

Strangely, the breakthrough to his second American title came on the heels of probably the worst slump of his career. He'd missed the cut in five of his seven previous starts and hadn't finished higher than 40th since the second week of the season. And it didn't come easily.

Rogers started the final round with a 3-shot lead and built it to five at the turn. Then he started having problems, making bogey on the 10th and 11th. And when Irwin birdied the 12th, the lead had dwindled to two.

There was a gasp from the gallery when Rogers' tee shot on the par-3 14th caught a deep pot bunker — so deep it has a stepplade in it — that has caused such trauma in the event. It's from that bunker that Rik Masson gale took six shots to extract his ball. Ra Floyd took three swings to get it out.

It appeared Rogers could lose it all right there. But he popped it out on the first try, then 2-putted for the bogey that cut the margin to 1. Morgan birdied the next hole and he too, was within 1. From that point on, Rogers had his greatest test.

It was a process of grinding it out. And he was equal to it, making critical, five-foot second putts for par on the 15th and 17th hole then throwing his second shot safely on to green on the final hole.

Stadler and Devlin had finished at 5 under and the challengers had been reduced. Morgan and Irwin, a two-time winner here and one of golf's most dangerous competitors, Morgan's approach skipped through the green to the back bunker.

Photo Contest

The winning photo of the Motocross race held March 6 will be published tomorrow. The prize will be announced on March 26, but due to reasons beyond our control the announcement was regrettably delayed.

Bob Reece gives Abastillas a fright

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 30 — The Air France Tennis Tournament continued last weekend as all seven events moved closer the finals, scheduled for this coming Friday, April 3rd.

The main interest centered on the men's singles, and the two days play produced both the expected and unexpected. Renne Abastillas, the No. 1 seed, moved through to the quarterfinals, as expected, but dropped his first set here in Jeddah, thanks to a spirited performance by Bob Reece. This was decidedly unexpected, and had the spectators buzzing in anticipation of the upset of the decade. Would Reece be able to overtake Alfredo Capdequi on the romantic list of giant-killers? Unfortunately for Reece, having tried losing a set once, Abastillas obviously didn't like it very much. He turned on the pressure to take the match 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

Rolf Holme put out Mike Evans 6-4, 6-3 in the third round, which was not expected, nor was his subsequent defeat at the hands of Keith Briers, 3-6, 3-6, in the next round. This now gives Briers a quarterfinal berth against Abastillas (say no more!). Capdequi moved forward to face Bertil Ohlsson, the No. 4 seed, in another of Tuesday's quarterfinals, but both were given suffer fourth round tests than they expected. Ohlsson survived a match point against Udo Poppe to win 4-6, 7-6, 6-1, while Capdequi squeezed past Don Clark 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Rudi Edholm, the No. 7 seed had probably his worst two days ever of tennis, crashing out of all three of his events and now must be

sticking pins in a wax effigy of Liam Convery. Unfancied Convery put out Edholm 6-1, 6-2, in the singles then combined with his partner Barnini to oust Edholm and Ohlsson, the No. 3 seeds, 6-3, 6-4, in the doubles. Edholm and his partner also went out of the mixed doubles, losing in two sets to Keith Briers and Sandra Lewis, to complete a disastrous



THROUGH: Joe Reilly, the No. 3 seed, now through to the quarterfinals, seen in action in an earlier tournament.

weekend for him.

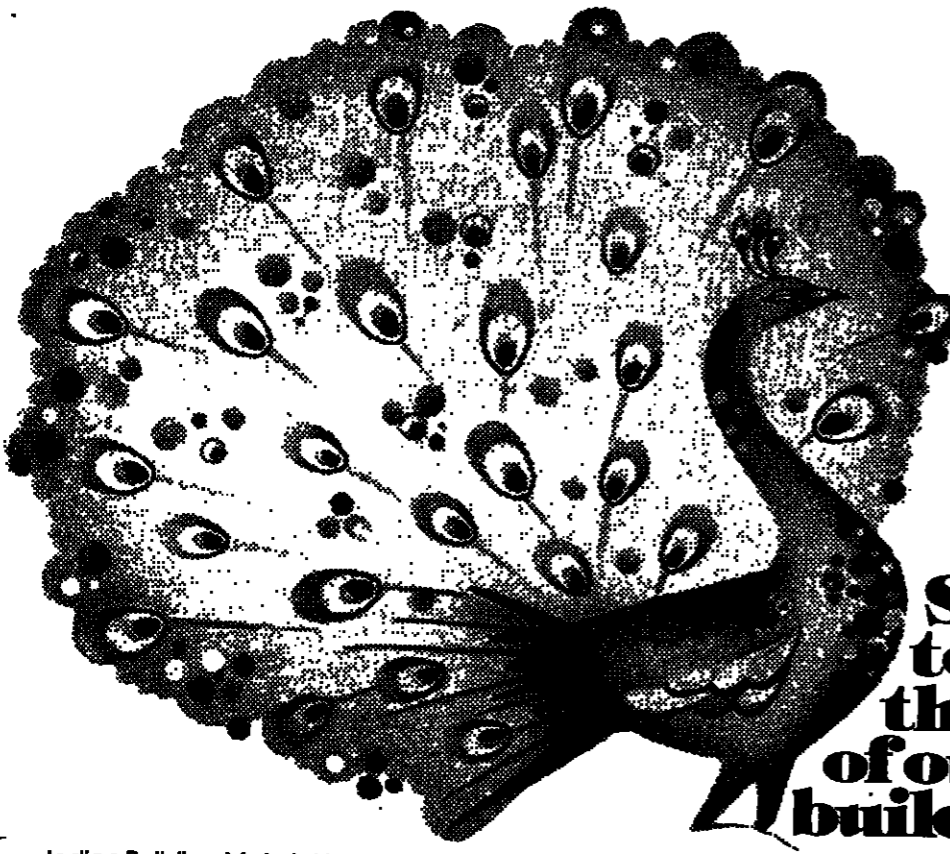
The remaining three seeds advanced comfortably. No. 2 seed, Jerry Hurst, crushed Gordon Mudge, 6-1, 6-0; Joe Reilly, No. 3, downed Peter Sterrey 6-4, 6-1, while Mike Relleve showed good form to put out Khaled Khashif 6-4, 6-2. The quarterfinals seed Abastillas drawn against Briers, Ohlsson facing Capdequi, Reilly opposite Relleve and

Hurst clashing with Convery.

Briers and Convery have surprised many people by reaching these later stages, appearing the top seeds, must be near the millipede to one mark of going further. Reilly rates his chances this year at the same level (so does everyone when Abastillas is around!), but his match with Relleve should produce the most interesting match of this round. Relleve look good, but is inconsistent when forced to stretch for a ball. Reilly's form is good enough to make him do just that. If Capdequi hits form he could find himself in the semis a his first attempt. Ohlsson was shaky and hesitant against Poppe, who found himself unable to raise his game that little extra to oust the fourth seed.

The men's doubles has also reached the quarterfinal stage, with just an upset, that of Edholm and Ohlsson. The No. 7 seeds, Alanuddin and Clark, dropped out in the first round, but the six other seeds remained by Convery and Barnini, and Keesman and Hoskins. These pairs face Sterrey and Briers and Hurst and Poppe, respectively, and Abastillas and Relleve meet Reece and Mason and Rogan and Cunningham clash with Reilly and Khashif.

In the women's singles, the four seed moved safely through to the quarterfinals. The strong winds made life very difficult for all the players, and top seed Donna Perry looked hesitant, as did No. 4 seed Jim Abraham, who is here from Riyadh for this tourney. No. 2 seed Karra Lindenberge (Not the one from the Philippines!) looked strong and faces Carmel Rogan.



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Sonics edge out Warriors Celtics oust 76ers for Atlantic crown

NEW YORK, March 30 (AP) — Bill Fitch made his Boston Celtics an offer they couldn't refuse. "I offered them 48 hours rest if they won this one," said the Celtic coach. "That's the best bribe I could make."

It turns out that the Celtics will get more than 48 hours off as a result of their 98-94 National Basketball Association victory over the Philadelphia 76ers Sunday.

"We need the days off," said an exhausted Chris Ford. "The season has really taken a toll on us. (Larry) Bird has played a great number of minutes this season and he and the rest of us really need some rest."

The Celtics and 76ers actually finished the regular season with the same NBA-best records of 62-20. They also were tied in head-to-head competition, 3-3, and in their record against Eastern Conference opponents, 42-16. But the Celtics claimed the Atlantic Division title with a better record within their division, 19-5 to 15-9.

The 76ers will jump right into first-round playoff action Tuesday night with the start of a three-game series against the Indiana Pacers. In the other first-round Eastern Conference playoff series, the Chicago Bulls will oppose the New York Knicks.

The Western Conference playoffs start Wednesday night with Houston visiting Los Angeles and Kansas City at Portland. The Kings nailed down the final playoff spot in the west with a 113-104 victory over Dallas Sunday night while Golden State was dropping a 96-92 decision to Seattle.

Along with Boston, other division winners to draw first-round byes are Milwaukee of the Central Division, San Antonio in the Midwest and Phoenix in the Pacific.

In Sunday's other action, it was San Antonio 135, Houston 109; Chicago 101, Indiana 97; Milwaukee 132, Atlanta 128 in overtime; Washington 138, Cleveland 103; New York tripped New Jersey 103-95; Phoenix walloped Utah 105-90; Portland routed San Diego 144-129 and Denver edged Los Angeles in overtime 148-146.

Larry Bird and Robert Parish each scored 24 points to lead the Celtics, who built up a big advantage quickly and then withstood a late rally by the 76ers. The Celtics led by as many as 20 points, 79-59, going into the last quarter before the 76ers came back.

"When you fall behind by 20 points," said Philadelphia's Julius Erving, "you know it's not just one or two things. It's a total collapse."

The Celtics' emphatic victory at Boston Garden reversed a mediocre week for the Atlantic Division champions, who had lost by

32 points to the 76ers at Philadelphia the previous Sunday.

"We played good, hard-nose defense, and our decision Sunday on offense were better than they have been," said Boston's Cedric Maxwell. "Good defense sometimes makes a good offensive team look bad. That's what they did to us in Philly, and that's what we did to them early in this game."

KINGS 113, MAVERICKS 104: Scott Wedman scored a game-high 27 points to lift Kansas City over Dallas and boost the Kings into the NBA playoffs for the third year in a row.

SONICS 96, WARRIORS 92: James Bailey had eight of his 24 points in the fourth quarter to trigger Seattle past Golden State. The Sonics entered the final period trailing 70-67 but took the lead for good when Vinnie Johnson made a three-point play with 4:13 left.



SCRAMBLE: Barbarians' L. Casworth dives for the ball held firmly by Gary Pearce (on the ground) as Australia's John Maxwell (standing left) prevents A.G. Riply for attacking in the International Seven-A-Side Rugby Championship final Sunday. The Barbarians won 12-10.

In Brazilian Grand Prix

Saudia Williams teammates finish in blaze of glory

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 30 (AP) — Argentina's Carlos Reutemann, the most experienced man in Formula 1 car racing, jumped into the lead on a wet track at the start of the Brazilian Grand Prix and drove his Saudia Williams racer to victory in the rain here Sunday.

Alan Jones, Reutemann's Australian teammate and the reigning world champion, was second. And the one-two finish for the green and white Saudia Williams racers left

the team well out in front in the World Championship standings for this year. Reutemann and Jones were tied for first.

On the starting grid before the race, Reutemann was beside Nelson Piquet in his Brabham while Jones was behind him. But Piquet had gambled the light rain that was falling would soon stop so he went out with dry-weather racing tires. They gave him no traction on the slick, wet track and Reutemann and Jones, both using the more

adequate rain tires, jumped into first and second. They held those positions right until the end and they were never challenged.

Piquet changed tires but the mistake cost him dearly. He was 13th on the fifth lap. And he ended the race in 12th.

Piquet was not the only one who had trouble on the first lap. Three cars were left at the start in his Renault, and Brazil's Chico Serra, in his Fitipaldi, along with Italy's Sieg-

fried Stohr, in his Arrow, were left behind when they drove off the track. Only 15 of the 24 starters finished the race.

The Brazilian Grand Prix is the second race of the 1981 Formula 1 season. It was run on the flat, curving 3.125-mile (5.03 kilometer) Rio de Janeiro International Race Track beside a lagoon near the Atlantic coast.

Organizers ended the competition after 62 laps because of the slow times caused by the rain. The race was to have gone for 63 laps. Reutemann's total time was 2 hours, 23.66 seconds, and that gave him an average speed for the race of 96.379 miles an hour (155.45 km). International racing rules require that a Grand Prix be ended after two hours of racing.

The best time for the race was turned in by Surer in his Ensign. On the 36th lap he covered the course in 1 minute, 54.302 seconds, giving him an average speed of 98.458 mph (158.453 km). But that was well short of the official track record set by Reutemann, mounted on a Ferrari, in 1978, when he had a time of 1:43.07 in good weather.

Results: 1. Carlos Reutemann (Argentina) Williams two hours zero minutes, 23.66 seconds; 2. Alan Jones (Australia) Williams; 3. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) Arrows; 4. Marc Surer (Switzerland) Ensign; 5. Elio de Angelis (Italy) Lotus; 6. Jacques Laffite (France) Ligier; 7. Rene Pierre Jarier (France) Ligier; 8. John Watson (Britain) McLaren; 9. Keke Rosberg (Finland) Fitipaldi; 10. Patrick Tambay (France) Theodor-



VICTOR: Argentinian Carlos Reutemann in his Saudia Williams crossing the finishing line to get the flag as winner of the Brazilian Grand Prix Formula One Sunday.

Tailenders put Windies in commanding position

ST. JOHNS, Antigua, March 30 (AP) — The West Indies, their last three wickets adding 172 runs, built up a match-winning first innings lead of 197 over England on the third day of the fourth cricket Test match here Sunday.

The West Indies, collapsing from an overnight 236 for two to 301 for seven in reply to England's 271 at lunch regained the initiative with 58 from skipper Clive Lloyd and his 83 runs eighth-wicket partnership with Joel Garner and a record last-wicket stand of 67 between No. 10, Michael Holding, who finished 58 not out and No. 11 Colin Croft.

Lloyd declared at 468 for nine wickets and left an exasperated England team half hours batting before the close. Sunset reduced the time by half and England were seven without loss going into Monday's rest day.

The West Indian recovery was a blow for England whose bowlers lagged as the innings went on under a hot sun on a perfect batting pitch and one a bone hard, fast outfield. A crowd of over 8,000 turned out to watch

local hero Vivian Richards continue from his overnight 110. But he used only three balls, hitting his first four and then pulling his third high to mid-on off fast bowler Graham Dilley.

That crucial dismissal seemed to hit the England bowlers and cause temporary panic in the West Indies camp.

England captain Ian Botham transformed the course of the innings by claiming three wickets in successive over. First, he had Everton Matthews caught at a wicket, then the young Jamaicans highest scorer in four Test innings. Two balls later, he induced an edged catch from left-hander Larry Gomes into the slips to end his innings of 12 on the second half of his next over. David Murray misread a hook to mid-on.

When Andy Roberts was bowled by medium-fast bowler Graham Stevenson on 13 just before lunch, the West Indies were 296 for seven and only 25 runs in the lead with the last three wickets remaining.

Those wickets swung the game decisively back in the West Indies favor after tactical batting. The left-handers took a long time to find his best form and turned to the advantage of the spinners. The wicket-keeper Garner from international captain Embury's bowling when he was 21, to restore the lead past 100.

The stand was broken when Lloyd was caught by wicketkeeper Ian Davidson off Stevenson at 57. Garner's bowling added a further 22 before the end of the day's play after tea for 45.

However, it was the return of Holding and Croft, who rubbed salt in the England wounds with their partnership, which beat the previous West Indies record against England set by Frank Worrell and Sumari Ramadhin.

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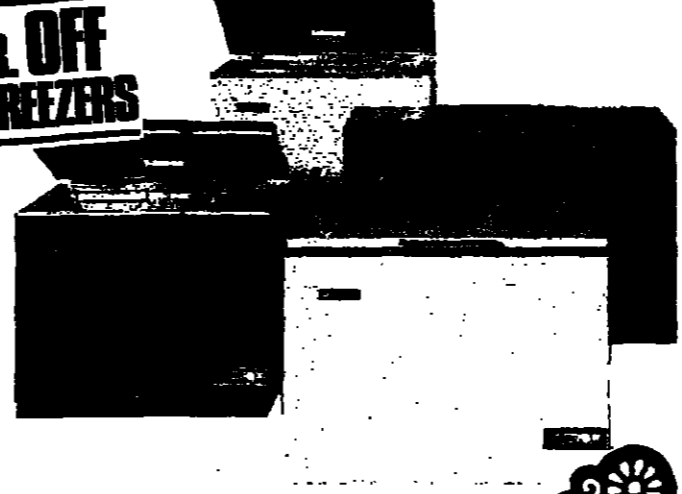
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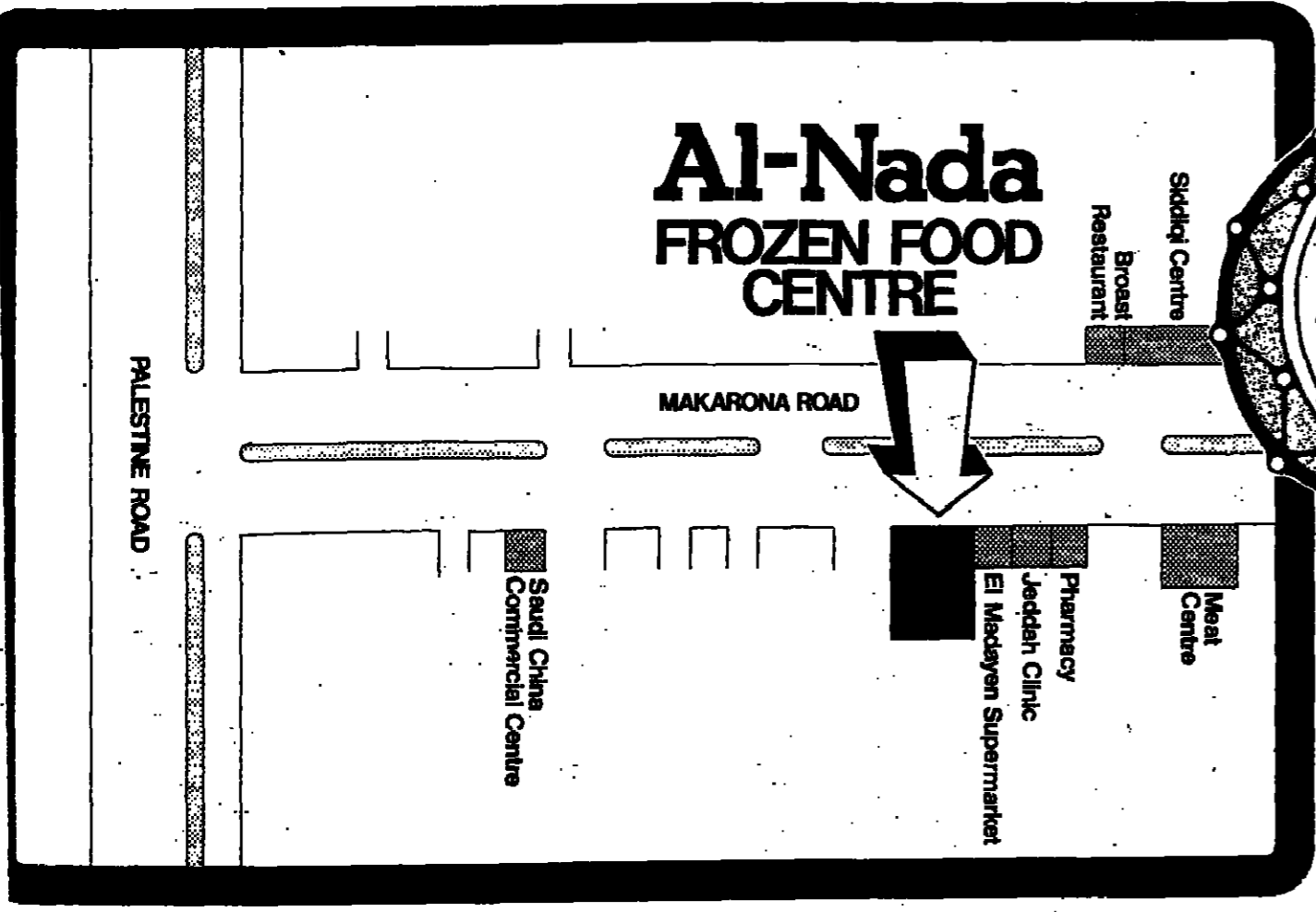
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The bidding:
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1 0 2 2NT Pass
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Opening lead — queen of clubs.

The signal is probably the most valuable weapon available to the defense, but, like any other weapon, there is a time and place for its use. Here is a case where a signal proved to be useless, partly because of a good play by declarer, and partly because one defender could not obey the command of the other.

West led the queen of clubs and East signaled for a continuation of the suit by playing the eight. Declarer correctly ducked the queen in order to

hamper defensive communications. Had South taken the queen with the ace, he would surely have gone down.

West had no more clubs to lead and there was no effective alternative move he could make. Actually he shifted to a low heart, but declarer won in dummy and led the king of diamonds. East took the ace and returned the ten of clubs, but he was fighting a losing cause. South won with the jack, led another diamond, and thus made four notrump.

East should have realized that the queen of clubs might be West's only club and that a signal would be futile in that case. To protect against that possibility, East should have played his king of clubs on West's queen!

This would have fixed South's wagon beyond repair. Whenever declarer got around to leading diamonds, East would win, force out South's last club stopper, and thus set up his clubs before South could set up his diamonds.

East should know from the bidding that declarer has the A-J-x or A-J-x-x of clubs. In either case, overtaking the queen guarantees establishment of the clubs before the diamonds, and furthermore that it cannot cost East a trick. East should have signaled, all right, but with his highest club, the king.

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Your Individual Horoscope

— Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
You'll receive confidential news now. The time is ripe for parties. You'll make a good impression on others. Enjoy popularity.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Behind-the-scenes career moves pay off. You have the initiative to get things going, but may have difficulty completing tasks.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Join friends in cultural endeavors. Plan a get-together with someone at a distance. Conscience is a factor in dealing with children.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)
You can raise needed capital for business ventures. Consult with advisers. Meeting with higher-ups should be productive.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Be receptive to the ideas of close ties. Be a good supporter. Make decisions regarding joint assets. Don't be a wet-blanket.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Act quickly regarding a long-term investment. Don't be glum if financial return is

not commensurate with time invested.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Take a loved one out to some place special. Hobbies are rewarding now. Be careful not to make promises that you'll be unable to keep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Extra energy allows you to dispense with household tasks quickly. Begin spring-cleaning projects. Be more positive in attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Save time for physical exercise. Local visits should be fun. Utilize creative energy constructively. Don't scatter energies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Refurbish your kitchen. Buy new things for the home. Don't be discouraged if your income is not as great as you'd like it to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Make important phone calls now. You'll be convincing and effective. Disregard the advice of a pessimist. Remain optimistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You may hear of some bargains now. Keep financial plans under wraps. Don't let the thought of unpaid bills get you down.

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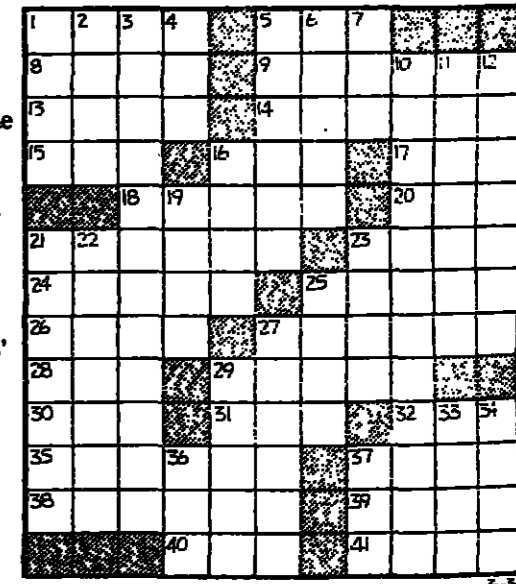
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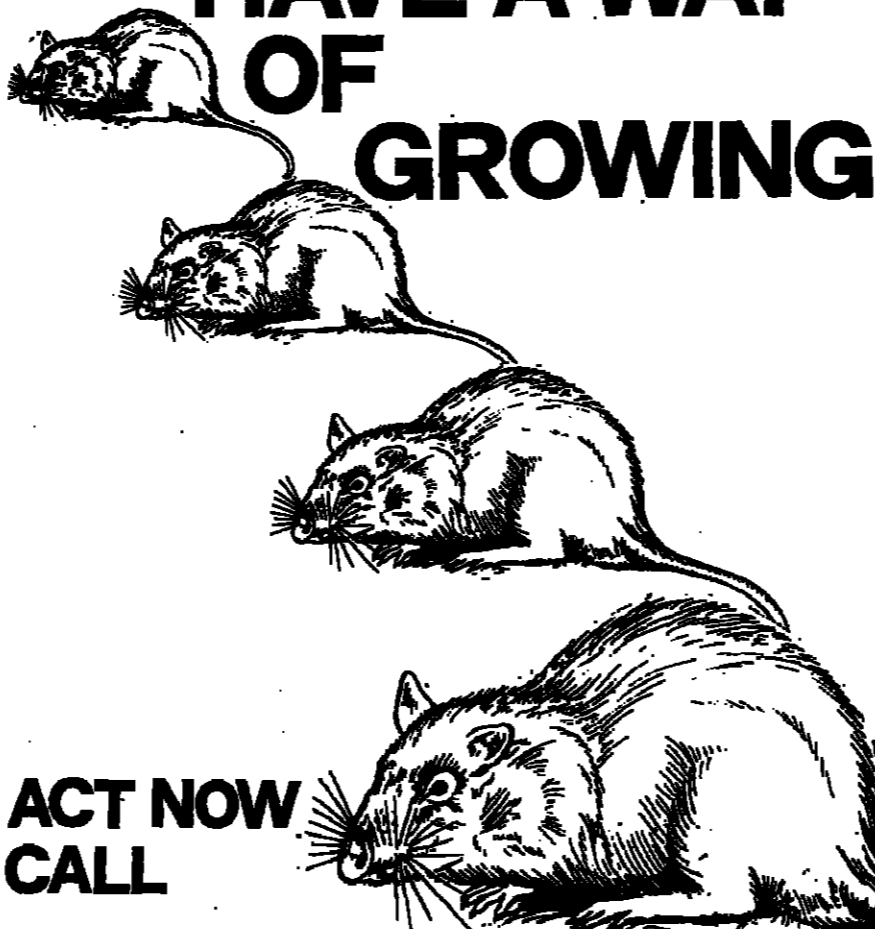
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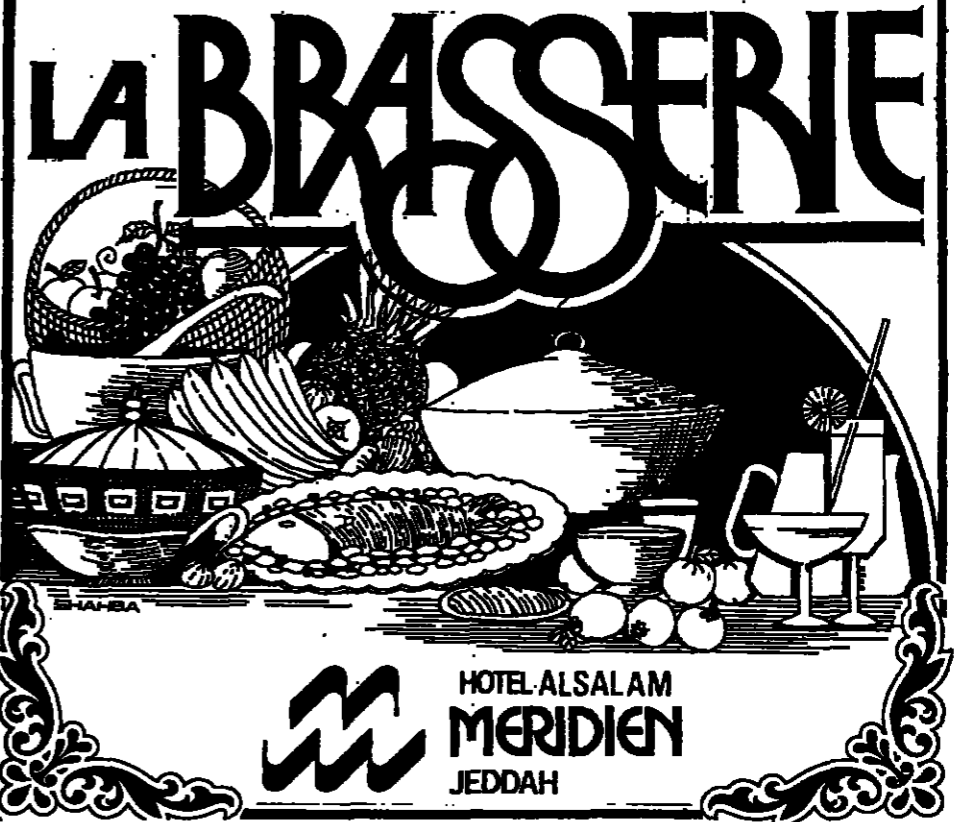
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Party speaks tough

Polish talks begin on averting strikes

WARSAW, March 30 (AP) — Following a marathon Central Committee session ending early Monday, crucial government-labor negotiations resumed aimed at averting a general strike scheduled for Tuesday.

After the government's chief negotiator, Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski was seen driving to the government building in downtown Warsaw, Lech Walesa, the Solidarity union leader, arrived for the fresh round of talks, which began about noon.

Solidarity members have threatened to go ahead with the general strike if the government fails to punish those responsible for the beating of three union leaders at Bydgoszcz March 19 and refuses to meet other demands.

The five demands made by the Solidarity union were:

- Punishment of those responsible for the Bydgoszcz beating.
- Registration of the independent farmers' union.
- Release of political prisoners and halt to prosecuting political opposition.
- Enactment of strike legislation and full rather than half pay for strikers.
- Guarantee of security for Solidarity members.

Warsaw radio said the Central Committee's resolution called on party members "to counteract the influence of the enemies of socialism on individual cells of Solidarity, and to carry out consistent counteraction against the transformation of this union into a political organization causing a state of social tension and anxiety."

The resolution stressed that central authority and party discipline should not be questioned. Rumors circulated that the entire 10-member Politburo had resigned. But Warsaw radio reported only three resignations and said they were rejected.

The three were Stefan Olszowski, Roman Ney and Tadeusz Grabski, all apparent foes of the labor movement. Grabski claimed the federation was supporting anarchy and Ney demanded renegotiation of the agreements won by the strikers last summer. The committee also heard from members who criticized the party leadership's handling of the situation and called for concessions to Solidarity, PAP reported.

Janina Kozrzewski, a member from a Wrocław electronics plant, said: "The guilt for the latest strikes rests not with those determined to strike but those who brought about this determination."

"The most urgent thing is finding a way out of the conflict and avoiding a general strike," said Ryszard Byrk, a party leader from Siedlce. "Every justifiable compromise is necessary, except a sacrificing of the interests of socialism and the nation."

The committee met as Moscow made its grimmest public assessment yet of the Polish crisis, saying the country was tottering on the brink of anarchy. And Pope John Paul II appealed for his fellow countrymen to be allowed to settle their own problems.

Meanwhile, Warsaw Pact military maneuvers continued in and around Poland. The East Germany news agency ADN said the Communist allies sent in "new units" to take part in the 10-day-old spring war games in Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

The maneuvers reportedly have been extended because of the Polish situation. But in Washington, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said moderate elements in the Polish government seem to be surviving, and intervention by the Soviet army is "neither imminent or inevitable."

PLO office in S. Korea not ruled out

KUWAIT, March 30 (AP) — South Korean Foreign Minister Lho Shin Yong was quoted Monday as telling a Kuwaiti newspaper that the chances of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) opening an office in his country could not be discounted.

In an interview conducted in Seoul with the English-language newspaper *Arab Times*, Yong however said the PLO has not asked Seoul's permission to open an office in the South Korean capital. He said his government has earmarked \$2 million to aid Palestinian students with scholarships. He also said his government was contributing \$2 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which helps the Palestinian refugees.

Yong told the Kuwaiti newspaper that there can be no solution to the Middle East conflict unless the Israeli forces were withdrawn from areas seized during the 1967 war. He called for redressing the Palestinians, granting their right to statehood under the PLO.

Yong said the U.S. troops will remain in his country "as long as the danger from North Korea continued." Denying that his country's policy was influenced in any way by the United States, he described the U.S. troops in his country as "deterrent forces" and said that although Korea was strong enough to defend itself "the presence of U.S. troops is dissuading the North Koreans from embarking on an adventure."

Yong predicted "interesting political developments" in the Far East within the next three years, mainly on account of the developing Chinese-American relations. He did not elaborate on that point, but added that relations between Peking and Seoul stood to be improved at all levels.

Talking about South Korea's export plans, Yong told the Kuwait paper that the Seoul government has set \$20 billion as target for its volume of exports this year. At the same time, he said, Seoul was trying to gain larger construction contracts in the Gulf countries.

Border areas controlled

Liberators set up base in western Afghanistan

MESHED, Iran, March 30 (R) — Afghan liberators fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul have set up their first base in western Afghanistan in a bid to extend their control over areas near the Iranian border, a spokesman has said. Babaudin Zia'i, chief representative in Iran of the Jamiat-E-Islami group, told of the base, at a secret location near the western city of Herat, in an interview with Reuters in this northeast Iranian city 170 kms from the Afghan border.

Flanked by Mujahideen loyal to his organization, Zia'i said Sunday: "In over two years of fighting we have always lacked a military base on the western front. If all goes according to plan, the new base will bring the whole area under our control." The freedom fighters have several strong points in the mountainous north and east of Afghanistan, he added, but have never established themselves along the 800 kms border with Iran, where the terrain is more open.

The lack of cover has meant the fighters had to keep on the move and withdraw in the face of attacks by tanks and Soviet-made helicopter gunships, he said. Zia'i said the Mujahideen nevertheless had tenuous control over 90 per cent of the provinces bordering Iran, including half the city of Herat where they briefly seized the local barracks last year.

"In the countryside, the people pay no taxes or customs dues, and in the town of Bad-E-Qays the Mujahideen had appointed their own governor to replace the man sent there by Kabul, he said, adding that the base had been established over the past month. In a recent action by freedom fighters operating in the west of the country, Zia'i said a group raised the governor's office in the town of Kushk, near the Soviet border, and seized a large haul of Kalashnikov assault rifles.

"After that the Soviet troops went round the area and tried to disarm all Afghans," he said. Moscow denies that Soviet troops, who entered Afghanistan in tens of thousands in December 1979 as President Babrak Karmal was installed in power, take any active part in the fighting, but the liberators described the Russians as their major enemy.

As the liberators have almost no weapons capable of knocking out tanks or helicopters,

they are forced to adopt hit-and-run tactics, he said. "In Herat province, where we have about 15,000 men armed with light weapons, we have only three RPG-7 grenade launchers and no missiles at all."

Though the shortage of sophisticated arms was acute, he declared that the Jamiat-E-Islami would not accept arms from abroad, despite offers from the Reagan administration. The Iranian government had supplied no weapons to the Mujahideen, and all they had received was "a few trucks of food." Four Muslim-oriented liberation organizations are allowed to keep offices in Meshed, but the liberators wear no uniform and are not allowed to bear arms openly in Iran.

According to the commander of the Jamiat-E-Islami's office in Taybad, some 15 kms from the border, all fighters are disarmed by Iranian frontier guards as they enter Iran. "We hand over all our weapons to the border guards and they give us a receipt so that we can reclaim them when we go back to Afghanistan," said the commander who gave his name as Abdel-Karim Khan.

His men, some of them sporting the grey synthetic fur hats of Soviet infantrymen, said they came to Taybad to rest between tours of active duty, spending up to two months in Iran before returning to the fight.

Meanwhile, Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost Sunday hinted at an increased Soviet military presence in Afghanistan if "new developments" change the present situation "for the worse." Press Trust of India reported from Kabul. In an interview with the Indian news agency, Dost said U.S. President Reagan's statement on the supply of arms to Mujahideen and the "arrival of American and British mercenaries" in Pakistan "were new developments which could not be ignored."

"When all this changes the present situation and for the worse, definitely, we have to initiate necessary measures for our security, territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty," the minister said.

Salvadoran foresees American intervention

KUWAIT, March 30 (AP) — The secretary general of the Salvadoran Communist Party was quoted here Monday as saying the possibility existed for American military intervention in his country. "Our movement will resist this (U.S.) intervention," Shafik Hanzal told the Kuwait newspaper *Al Watan*.

"A likely American intervention might be launched to abort the people's revolution in Nicaragua and other Latin American countries," said Hanzal. He said the United States was "responsible for the oppression in my country, because it sends mercenaries to help the ruling junta." He said the rulers of Salvador also were receiving aid from Israel.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The dreaded silicon chip has lately entered my life. I was recently the happy recipient of one of those newfangled watches which are so full of knobs and buttons. It takes you a week at least to learn to make use of them. Giving you the time is the least of its services. It's so accurate that, so they say, it only loses about three seconds every year. It doubles as an alarm clock. It gives the time in any of the time zones around the world. It can perform complicated mathematical maneuvers. It will remind you to see your dentist on Thursday and pick up your car from the garage on Friday. It will, I am sure, do anything I could find the right knobs, switches and dials for when you're bored asking you to sleep as you go to bed.

The most interesting of its services, however, is that of a stopwatch. This is because I am an athlete needing to keep informed on how I am doing in the hundred meters, but the lifelong researcher I have been undertaking over certain adverse aspects of modern life. My observations so far have been impressive. But at last I am in a position to give scientific answers to those often and angrily asked questions.

For example, Did you know that the average time elapsing between your entering the shower and the telephone or the door bell ringing is precisely one minute and thirty seconds?

And are you aware that, on average, it takes you twelve minutes after sitting to watch television before you go to sleep? (Here I acknowledge my wife's help in the experiment.)

Insurance companies on the other hand are no doubt aware that the average time elapsing between your insurance running out and the car going suddenly to pieces is generally four days to the hour. You can bet they know that. How else do they make their money...

These, as I said, are only samples. Work is still in progress and a General Theory of adversity will not be long in formulating.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

\$600,000 jewels stolen in Paris

PARIS, March 30 (AP) — Bandits snatched a case containing jewels reportedly valued at 3 million francs (\$600,000) from Mrs. Robert Hocq, mother of the president of the prestigious Paris Jewellers Cartiers, at Paris Charles de Gaulle airport Saturday, a Cartier spokesman said Monday.

A Paris police spokesman, confirming the theft, put the value of the jewels at 9 million francs. The Cartier spokesman said Mrs. Hocq, 60, was taking the jewels, owned by the company, to Monte Carlo for loan to people attending a gala evening there. He said the appraisal and insured value was 3 million francs.

Mrs. Hocq's case was stolen in a crowd of people while she was checking in for her flight. The police spokesman said she was putting on her coat, which had slipped off her shoulders, when she was jostled by a man who grabbed the case.

Prime minister of Trinidad dies

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, March 30 (AP) — Eric Williams, the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago who led the island nation to independence from Britain in 1962, died Sunday night, the government announced Monday. He was 69.

President Ellis Clarke announced he has named Agriculture Minister George Chambers to succeed Williams. Williams, who left a teaching post at Howard University in Washington in the 1950s to form the People's National Movement that guided the country to independence, was elected prime minister three times, the last time in 1976. He had maintained his current term would be the last.

Wilson affirms coup plotted

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Sir Harold Wilson's disclosure of a plan to overthrow his Labor government in the late 1960s brought a flurry of denials and clarifications Monday. Wilson, who was twice prime minister, said Sunday night that a coup was plotted by people "high up in the press" although he declined to name them.

But one of the principals in the controversy, Lord Hugh Cudlipp, said Monday there was "no mention of a military coup" at a 1968 meeting where the plot was alleged to have been discussed. Cudlipp, former chairman of International Publishing Corp., which owns the mass-circulation *Daily Mirror*, added in a statement: "I have no idea whether or not some military lunatics were planning a coup." He labeled as "infamous" the allegation that Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the Queen's cousin and statesman-soldier who was killed by Irish terrorists in 1979, was linked with the reported plot.

Meanwhile, Sir Martin Furnival Jones, former director-general of Britain's MI5 counter-intelligence agency, denied there had been an attempt to overthrow Wilson's

In autobiography

Train robber appeals for pardon

LONDON, March 30 (AP) — British train robber Ronald Biggs, now detained in Barbados, pleaded in an autobiography published here Monday for pardon and said he had been punished enough by years on the run. In an ironic twist, the book was published as British authorities sought Biggs' extradition from Barbados to be brought back to England's Wandsworth jail.

Biggs escaped in 1965 after serving only 15 months of a 30-year term for his part in a £2.6 million (then worth \$7 million) robbery in 1963 from a British mail train. In his book, Biggs, 51, declared he had suffered more than most people do in a lifetime.

"Only someone who has been a fugitive from justice as I have all these years can know the torture of uncertainty and insecurity that this experience brings," he wrote. Biggs, who fled first to Australia, was kidnapped two weeks ago by a group of British bounty-hunting ex-soldiers from his refuge in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. He was taken to Barbados and is being held in jail on the West Indian island pending extradition proceedings.

When Biggs was first reported missing from Rio, where he had lived openly since 1974, there was speculation he staged the disappearance as a publicity stunt to boost sales of his book, *Ronald Biggs, My Own Story*.

"I most certainly have been punished for my crime and punished in plenty," wrote Biggs. He added: "What is the point of putting me back in Wandsworth? To rehabilitate me? I am rehabilitated totally. I am not the

Flurry of denials

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government. Commenting on a report in *The Sunday Times* which quoted him as saying MI5 foiled the anti-Wilson conspiracy, he said in a terse statement to the British Press Association news agency: "As far as it alleges what I said, it is inaccurate. You're barking up the wrong tree. That's all I want to say."

The Sunday Times traced the alleged coup to a meeting at Mountbatten's London apartment in May 1968. It said those at the meeting included Cudlipp, Cecil King, his predecessor at International Publishing Corp., and Lord Zuckerman, then the government's chief scientific adviser.

In his 1976 autobiography, Cudlipp described the meeting. But he said Monday the newspaper report that Mountbatten "made strenuous efforts to have that section of the book removed is the reverse of the truth."

"All that Mountbatten, like many others, was hoping for at that time was a massive resurgence of the British spirit," said Cudlipp.

According to *The Sunday Times*, Mountbatten was named as a "prime mover" in the alleged coup by Lady Falkender, the former Marcia Williams.

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